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Minden's Christmas elves

Sisters, left, Alabama Reay, 13, Micheon Reay, 15, and Jashelle Kitcheman, 20, were lending a hand organizing the collection of toys at the Minden Community Centre on Tuesday, Dec. 21. The toys were part of the annual Minden Christmas Basket campaign. Darren Lum Times staff

Furnace Falls home destroyed in fire

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A home outside Irondale was destroyed by fire on Saturday night.

The Minden Hills fire department was called to the blaze on Embassy Drive, near Furnace Falls, at about 7:15 p.m. on Dec. 18, said fire chief Doug Schell. While firefighters from the City of Kawartha Lakes had arrived on the scene first,

the home was fully engulfed by the time Schell's team reached the property. His department was on site for about six hours battling the blaze.

The home is the second residence of a Toronto couple, who were not there at the time. No one was injured. The son of the owners was walking around the property on Monday morning, looking at the charred remains of what had been his childhood home.

"This is where I grew up," said the man, who, clearly emotional, did not wish to reveal his

name or the name of his family.

He said his parents had owned the 3,200-square-foot building for more than 20 years.

While the son assumed it would be his parents' plan to rebuild, "it won't be the same," he said. "It's a lot of loss."

Schell said the damage was too severe for the department to determine the cause of the fire, but did note the home had a propane furnace.

He said no arson is suspected. See a photo from the site on page 12.

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Century 21 Granite Realty Group Ltd. gave \$500 to the Minden Food Bank on Thursday, Dec. 16 at the Minden office. From left in back row, David Lee, Tom Gardner, Tom Ecclestone; front row, Andrew Hodgson (owner) presenting to Barbara Walford-Davis, (chairwoman of food bank) Anne Moulton, Pam Weiss, Anne Hodgson (owner) – all others are staff at the Century 21.

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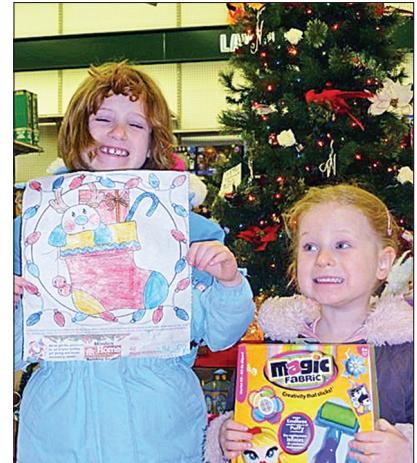
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Impaired charges laid

A Gravenhurst man was charged with impaired driving after being pulled over in a RIDE check on Highway 118 in Minden Hills Dec. 18.

The 42-year-old man was stopped at 4 p.m. Saturday and after having a conversation with police was given a roadside screening test. He failed the test, was arrested and taken to the Haliburton detachment.



Best in colouring

The winners of the Home Hardware colouring contest are, in the age six to eight category Lily Austin-Ward, left, with the help of little sister Emily Austin Ward. Other winners (who were absent) were Connor McAlister (ages nine to 12 category) and Georgia M. (zero to five category).

Correction

Karen Koehler's fundraiser for her trip to the world skijoring championships in Norway will be on Jan. 29, not Jan. 9, as appeared in last week's Times.

Year-end members' show gives artist top art award

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

In the waning days of 2010, a Gelert-based photographer is finding recognition for an evocative photo at the Agnes Jamieson Art Gallery announced at the gallery's closing reception in Minden on Saturday, Dec. 18.

This year's winner of the People's Choice Award, is retired resident George Farrell, who won a free membership for the following year.

Started in 1982, the show encourages gallery members to produce their own art. It boasted more than 28 artists who contributed more than 35 pieces of art from paintings, mixed-media work, sketches and photos to a pillow.

Daniela Pagliaro, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre director, thanked the members and the municipality for its support just before the award presentation, adding this coming season will focus on Canadian landscape artwork, both from the past and present.

This showcase, which had a strong showing of quality, ran at the gallery from Nov. 25 to Dec. 18.

The mustached, bespectacled, grey-haired Farrell was surprised with the win since his "abstractee" – a close-up, colour photo of a rusted metal spring, called "Sprung" that was printed on stretched canvas – is a little different than what is usually recognized, he said.

The name of the photo came from the poem that starts: "The spring has sprung/The grass has riz/I wonder where the birds are?"

Initially Farrell was drawn to the light and the aesthetic qualities of the scene.

He admits that some viewers may look for messages in his image, but dismisses any personal notions that there is anything other than what he saw.

"It is what it is," he said.

This photo is part of a series that possess elements of rust.

Farrell, who is a regular contributor with the *Haliburton County Echo* and *Minden Times*, as a photographer and writer, said this is his first arts award win besides the second and third awards he won in two other juried photo shows.

His parents and wife were in attendance for the presentation.



Darren Lum Times staff

Gelert photographer George Farrell stands with his winning piece, Sprung, as he was named this year's Agnes Jamieson Gallery People's Choice Award winner from the closing reception on Saturday, Dec. 18. Farrell's photo on stretched canvas was chosen from more than 35 members' pieces that were on display from Nov. 25 to Dec. 18.

At left, Laurie Carmount of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery met with guests during the closing reception. This was the last day for the Members' Show that presented gallery members' work that included mixed-media, painting, photography and fabric art. There were more than 28 artists featured and more than 35 pieces in the collection.

Council begins paying back \$1.3 million on airport runway

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The new Algonquin Highlands council is already trying to mop up the township's financial mess.

At their first regular meeting Dec. 16, councillors heard a report from interim treasurer Fay Brown and voted to pay off nearly \$700,000 of the nearly \$1.3 million in debt the township has acquired over

the Stanhope Airport expansion project.

Brown's report said the township had a surplus of almost \$365,000 from 2008, with which nothing had been done.

"For whatever reason, the 2008 surplus was never transferred to any reserve," she said.

There was also a surplus of some \$90,000 from 2009, for a total of more than \$454,000 in surplus funds.

Councillors decided they would take that money, along with an additional

\$240,000 in reserve funding, and put it against the line of credit that had been taken out to cover expansion project expenses.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said the township was paying somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$13,000 in interest every six month on the line of credit.

"It is a very expensive way to finance," she said.

Brown is also hoping for a grant of \$350,000 the township could put towards

the payment and the township has two properties for sale on Sherborne Lake, from which it is hoping to gain more funds to put towards the payment.

The properties are listed at \$149,000 and \$169,000 respectively.

Brown, who previously worked for Dysart et el township, was brought in to look after treasury responsibilities after the township's former treasurer, Sheila Griffin, left the post during the summer.

Fearrey becomes warden for 10th time

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

For the 10th time in a political career spanning nearly 40 years, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey is warden of Haliburton County.

Outgoing warden and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton moved that Fearrey be the next warden during the new county council's inauguration ceremony on Dec. 14, a motion that was seconded by Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, who called Fearrey the "senior statesman of municipal politics in Haliburton County."

With no other nominations, Fearrey became warden by acclamation.

"You know how I like this robe," Fearrey quipped as Burton helped him don the ceremonial warden's garment, joking that he thought Burton was going to wear it out.

Burton has served the past two years as county warden.

Continuing economic instability means difficult times ahead for the new council, Fearrey said.

"Things are not the same as they were," he said, adding we now live in a world where municipalities rely heavily on provincial and federal stimulus funding, some of which is going to dry up in 2011. "I think we're in for a bit of a tough time for a while. We need to be a team like we've never been a team before."

Fearrey emphasized the importance of councillors maintaining good relationships with one another. "We can't be doing end runs on each other," he said. "If we do, it will surface."

First sitting on county council in 1973, Fearrey noted there have been significant changes since, not the least of which is that on the new county council, women outnumber the men five to three.

"Look at the ladies at the table," he said. "Isn't that good?"

Joining Fearrey, Davis and Burton on council are Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid and Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt and Deputy-reeve Liz Daniels and Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge.

MPP Rick Johnson was in attendance and gave short speech where he congratulated council members, saying they'd obviously earned the trust of their communities.

"Once you lose trust in your community, it's very hard to hold office," Johnson said.



Chad Ingram Times staff

The new county is, from left, Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Daniels, Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge and Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch.

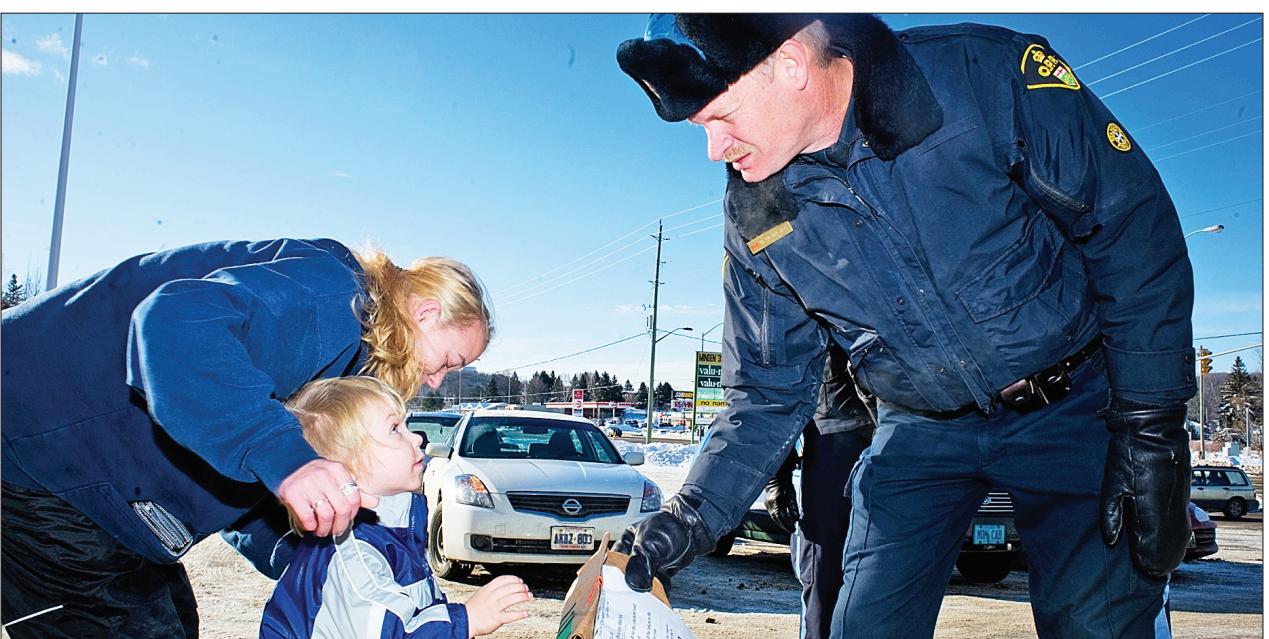
"It's an election year in the province, Rick, and we'll have our hand out," Fearrey told Johnson later in meeting.

At council's first regular meeting Dec. 15, department heads gave councillors overviews of their departments and councillors were assigned to committees.

Danielsen, Burton, Fearrey and Reid will sit on the roads committee; Davis, Moffatt, Murdoch and Partridge will sit on the EMS committee; Moffatt, Partridge and Reid will sit on the finance and correspondence committee; Danielsen, Burton, Fearrey and Murdoch will sit on the personnel committee; Burton, Fearrey, Moffatt and Reid will sit on the economic development committee; Daniels, Davis, Murdoch and Partridge will sit on the library board and the

joint accessibility committee.

David Bishop was appointed to the board for Regional Tourism Organization 11; Burton will sit on the health unit board as well as the Point in Time board; Moffatt, Davis and Reid will join the City of Kawartha Lakes-County of Haliburton Joint Housing and Social Services Committee; Davis will sit on the board for the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation; Daniels will join the Haliburton Highlands Health Professionals Recruitment Committee; and Fearrey will sit on the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and the municipal advisory committee for the Algonquin land claim.



Four OPP cruisers filled for food bank

Photo by Darren Lum

Left, Jackson Guild with his mother hands over a bag of food to OPP Constable Mark McMaster during the police's Fill a Cruiser event, collecting food for the Minden Food Bank on Tuesday, Dec. 21. The OPP collected four truck fulls in Minden from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Council defers decision on airport project

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands councillors decided last week to seek more information surrounding the Stanhope Airport expansion project before making an official decision on the project's fate.

The new council received the long-awaited final screening report from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency at its Dec. 16 meeting, but decided they would defer making a decision on the controversial project until more information can be obtained.

Signing the documents from the federal government, would, as Reeve Carol Moffatt put it, "seal the deal."

Moffatt said it is obvious the way the new councillors felt about the project.

The township's four new councillors – Gordon Henderson, Lisa Barry, Liz Danielsen and Gary Schultz – all spoke against the project in their campaigns and Moffatt was the only member of the previous council to vote against the project.

However, the new reeve said it's important for council to move cautiously.

"We need to know about next steps," she said, adding that council would be seeking more information, including from legal counsel, in the approaching weeks. "It's not

just one lump of a project."

The expansion project – which would have built an additional 1,220-foot runway at the Stanhope Airport – was granted up to two thirds of \$3.6 million in funding by the Building Canada Fund, which utilizes provincial and federal money, in February 2009.

Also included in the scope of that project was the rehabilitation of the existing runway. However, when it became clear the construction of a new runway may not proceed, due in large part to public outcry over what had been a lack of proper public input, council, with some help from MP Barry Devolin's office, was able to get the project split into two phases and the rehab of the existing runway was completed in the fall to the tune of almost half a million dollars, a third of which was paid for by the township.

However, the council signed a contract with Todd Brothers contracting company for the entire project and while that contract did include a stipulation that the second phase of the project might not proceed, former reeve Eleanor Harrison has said she believes it may take some legal manoeuvring for the township to get out of the contract.

Moffatt said councillors decided last week they needed more information, legal and other, before they would make their official decision on the fate of the project.

Angie Bird new CAO for Algonquin Highlands

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

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I am very thankful for the opportunity to lead the municipality and I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead in 2011 and beyond.

— Angie Bird

Long-time Algonquin Highlands clerk and planning administrator Angie Bird has been named the township's new chief administrative officer.

Councillors voted Bird, who began working at the former Stanhope township 18 years ago, as the township's top bureaucrat at its Dec. 16 meeting.

"It's succession planning, hiring from within," said Reeve Carol Moffatt of council's decision, adding that Bird had a huge breadth of knowledge of local history and issues.

"I am very thankful for the opportunity to lead the municipality and I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead in 2011 and beyond," Bird told the *Times*. "The support I have received from council and staff throughout the transition has been tremendous and very much appreciated."

Along with her own duties, Bird has been acting CAO for the township since predecessor Juanita Dempster-Evans left the position in November after approximately a year on the job.

Dempster-Evans replaced former CAO Lorne Mitchell after he retired in the fall of 2009.

"Different councillors are looking for different kinds of information," she said.

Moffatt said it would likely still be a

number of months before council has the information it needs to proceed with its decision.

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Our giving community

SO, CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE and in just a few days, it will have passed.

Some of us will be less upset than others.

All the preparation, the hype, the hoopla, the Santa-laden commercial insisting you buy your family members a bunch of crap they probably don't need, will be but a faded memory for another 11 months or so.

This time of year is of course known as a season of giving and in the last month or so, I've taken pictures of countless cheque passes where organizations have donated money to various charities.

Only a few weeks ago, Minden Food Bank president Barbara Walford-Davis said the bank was heading into the most sparse Christmas season she could recall, but area residents have stepped up to the proverbial plate, donating thousands upon thousands of dollars to the food bank, ensuring that many of the 200 families who rely on it will have a happy holiday season.

A food bank fundraiser on Moose FM for the Minden and Haliburton raised \$20,000 in just two days. Two days, folks. Pretty impressive for this small community.

However, it is important to

remember that the poverty that infects this area doesn't just melt away when the tree is taken down and the Christmas lights are put away.

While more of us are more likely to give of ourselves during this particular season, it is important to remember that in the poorest county in the province, hunger and poverty are year-round problems.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

A county first

Congratulations to all members of the new county council, particularly to the five women who, in an unprecedented event in the history of the county, will outnumber men on council.

This is a seismic shift that bodes well for the reputation of Haliburton County, which has been, in some eyes, an "old boys' club" when it comes to politics.

Having an elected political body comprised of more than 60 per cent women is not just progressive for a rural municipal government, but any level of government in this country.



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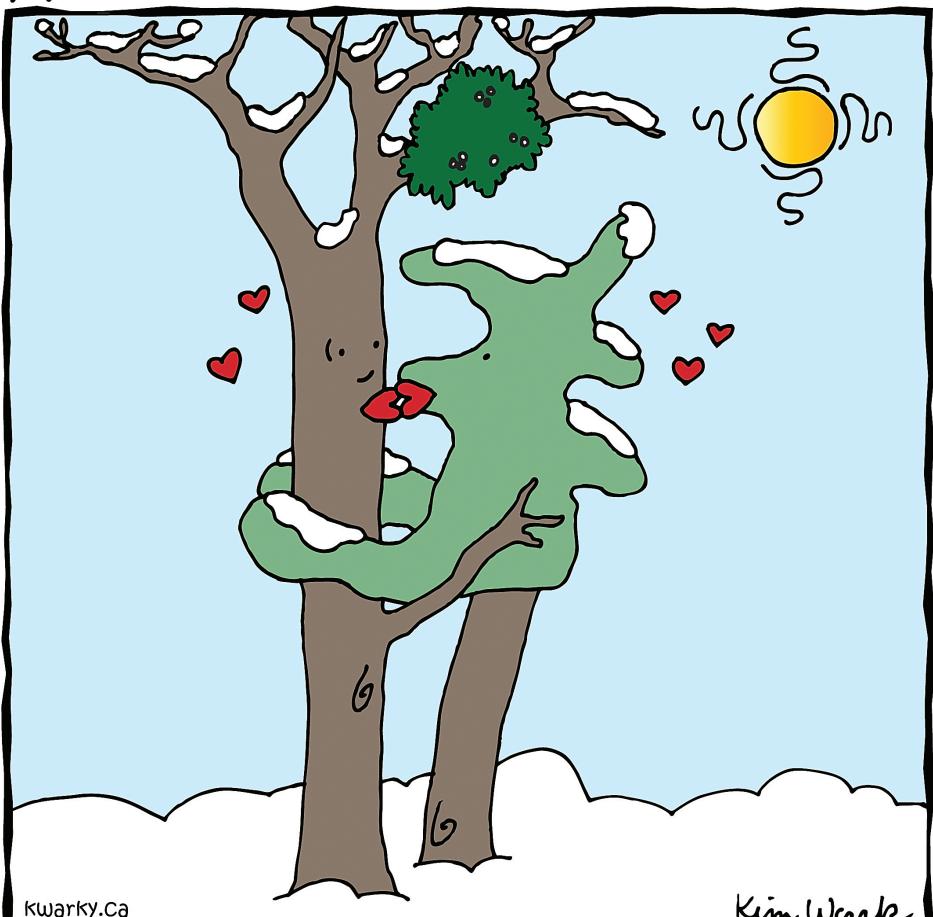
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letters to the editor

Agency working on recruiting doctors

To the Editor,

I read with interest your editorial about the shortage of physicians in Haliburton County.

My colleagues and I in the physician recruitment community in Haliburton County are working to ensure physicians (i.e., those in training, international medical graduates, and U.S.-trained) are aware of the career opportunities locally.

I work at HealthForceOntario Marketing and Recruitment Agency (HFO MRA), a not-for-profit, provincial government agency that is committed to increasing the number of doctors working throughout Ontario. Part of my role in the county is to help qualified medical professionals identify practice opportunities in the province and region that would best fit their lifestyle, family, and professional needs.

With respect to international medical graduates, HFO MRA's Access Centre, over the past year alone, has supported more than 100 international medical graduates (physicians)-through the licensure and registration process-who have obtained a residency match at one of Ontario's six medical schools. Over the coming years, I anticipate that some of these physicians will take advantage of practice opportunities in our region.

Two HFO MRA physician locum programs are playing a critical role in Haliburton County. The Emergency Department Coverage Demonstration Project and the Rural Family Medicine Locum Program either have been or are providing much-needed relief for emergency department and family physicians in Haliburton County.

As well, recent announcements are encouraging locally. For example, Haliburton County was awarded a Family Health Team; the province's revised Return of Service initiative means the county is now eligible for IMGs to practise in the community for five years after residency; and, the new Northern and Rural Recruitment and Retention Initiative provides compensation incentives to encourage practicing physicians to relocate to the area over a period of four years.

Residents of Haliburton County can rest assured you have a strong, dedicated team working on your behalf to resolve this issue locally.

Amanda English
Community Partnership Coordinator,
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points of view

That's a wrap

FOR SOME PEOPLE, the challenging part of Christmas is finding just the right gift for those special people in your life. If you ask me, that's child's play compared to the risky business of wrapping them up.

Frankly, I cannot be trusted around scotch tape.

I think that this is a common issue for men who sport excessive chest hair. But, it is precisely for this reason that we don't speak of it. Men with excessive chest hair, you see, never actually try to draw attention to this sad fact. For, if they did, you might notice several remnant pieces of tape that they were never able to remove.

And, of course, you'd try to remove them. For that is the cruel and heartless way of the hairless.

That's not to say that tape is the only

problem for someone like me. All you need to do is watch me wrestle with a roll of wrapping paper to see that this is not the case.

Typically, it starts with me faking left and then lunging towards the roll – often one adorned with images of Santa taunting me. At first, I'll manage to get a good grip on the paper and even strip out a lengthy piece. I'll then growl and trash talk it a bit, which is when that roll of wrapping paper will faint right and then throw a full Nelson on me. Next thing I know, I'm face first on the floor.

Eventually, perhaps after the airplane spin, I will somehow manage to pull out a pair of concealed safety scissors and

clip off a piece of paper with which to wrap the gift with. This piece is invariably one inch shy of what's needed.

Despite this, I'll centre the gift on the paper and then bring up one edge in order to tape it to the box. Generally, I'll succeed too, but only after a passer-by answers my pleas and helps free my thumbs. Needless to say, I'm much more careful on the second edge of the paper – which is why I merely end up with the gift firmly affixed to my wrist.

This brings us to the critical juncture, in which I attempt to make fancy triangular folds at each end of the paper and bring those up to secure to each end of the box, thereby completing the illusion of



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

a wrapped gift.

Unfortunately, my folds don't turn out like they do in the catalogues or on television. As a result, everything I wrap takes in the shape of a tennis racket. Except tennis rackets, of course – they appear as if they were really small banjos. Go figure.

Don't even get me started on ribbons. Suffice it to say that by the time the paramedics cut me loose, I have already made up my mind to go to town and purchase a bunch of those gift bags to place everything in.

Oh, and a turtle neck sweater or two. That way, on Christmas morning, nobody notices the tape.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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A toddler for every Christmas

THE HARDEST PART of getting my new business started is remembering that it's all in fun and, besides, the children I offer for rent exist only in my imagination.

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For a slight extra charge, we arrange to keep you up wrapping gifts until just before you hear that beller, just the way it was when your household had tousle-haired troupers of its own.

At the other end of the scale, a little girl sits quietly staring at your tree for as

long as you like, her face wreathed in a smile and her eyes just beaming.

We have other services. A three-year-old rips open all of his parcels and then spends the rest of the morning playing with the boxes and wrapping paper.

A shy little fellow explores the contents of his stocking with the solemn intensity of a scientist sifting the soil of an archaeological dig and reminds you of the boy you imagine you once were.

A little girl brings over her new book, snuggles up beside you, asks you to read it to her, listens quietly right through to the finish, then asks you to read it to her again.

A pair of pre-schoolers runs through the house screaming at the top of their lungs until some grownup puts them into snowsuits and pitches them out the door. They pull an old-fashioned sled through the snow.

You don't even have to wait until The Big Day. The night before, that same matched pair puts a dining-room chair beside the fireplace, hangs oversized

stockings from the back of it, and put milk and cookies on the seat.

Nor are our services restricted to providing pre-schoolers; we fill adult gaps in your holiday gathering as well.

For instance, if you have already hired a child or two, for a small extra charge we provide a mother and grandmother who announce no gifts can be opened until the breakfast dishes are done, then linger over the washing-up until the children look as though they are about to burst.

We rent you a cranky greyhead, either gender, who sits in an armchair off in one corner during the gift-opening and does a mumbling monologue about how there are far too many presents under the tree and things weren't like this in the old days.

For a slight extra fee, this same old grump waits until the toddlers get raucous and then declares that they have had too much candy and, besides, there should have been an orange in their stockings.

If the grump is a bachelor uncle, after a while he begins to tell jaw-dropping tales of his youth and keeps losing the thread in his own laughter.

A Smooth Collie takes one look at the wilderness of paper and toys scattered over the living-room veldt and goes over and lies down in the middle of the debris and has a fight with his foot. Later, he licks off the dinner dishes to save you washing them.

A grandmother wrestles the wrapping away from the three-year-old (see above), then folds it neatly so it can be used again next year. You throw out the paper later.

A technician modifies every electronic device in the house so it will not play any Christmas song recorded by Burl Ives, or by Alvin and the Chipmunks, and turns up the sound when the Queen begins to speak.

And if none of these services interest you, why, for no fee at all, I can wish you a Merry Christmas.

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Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

Both Minden Times columnists Steve Galea and Neil Campbell are award-winning writers.

Winning the OCNA's best humour columnist and best overall columnist respectively.

Haliburton County, can you spare a dime, or maybe \$100?

To the Editor,

I was inspired reading about some students in London, Ont. challenging people to take \$100 and spend it on "creating magic for strangers randomly." They spoke of random acts of kindness: buying coffee for a stranger; dinner for the homeless, or someone's groceries in a line up when funds were tight.

On thinking about it further, it seems that it is hard to truly give something away, because the rewards of loving others, even anonymously and to complete strangers, always has a way of com-

ing back. We could call it the boomerang effect.

Please don't misunderstand me on this, I am not talking about giving out of guilt, duty, or because others are watching. You know what I mean: the friend selling chocolates to raise money for kids sports team (it is not wrong, it is just we feel obliged, didn't they buy from my kids?); the public request for money at the grocery store (again it is not wrong, we feel it is our duty); or your name on the plaque at the local museum as a donor (good cause but what is the true motive?). I have been on both ends of this give and take myself. While many of these gifts

are indeed of great value, I am not talking about this type of transaction at all.

Another type of giving has a more profound effect in all our lives. It is often anonymous, and always speaks "love" to others, can be very small but can have a big impact on others. The plow driver who plows the road in front of my house somehow makes a very small ridge of snow right by my driveway. I wonder if he or she knows how much I appreciate that at 3 a.m. when I am off on an emergency? Recognition may occur, but this is not the purpose - in fact recognition may diminish the results. There is great joy in

dropping off a Christmas basket without the recipient's knowledge of the giver. Imagine yourself as the recipient.

My brother reminded me of the story of a Middle Eastern man who died and left in his will 17 camels. Half were left to his eldest son, one-third to the second son, and one-ninth to his third son. Well the post-funeral discussions soon led to bad feelings and discord over how to divvy up the camels. A wise person was consulted who went on to suggest she wasn't sure what to do but offered from herself one of her camels if it would help. Now with 18 cam-

els, son one got nine, son two got six and son three got two, and with one camel left over it was given back to the wise woman.

I am calling on the wise men and the wise women in our community to engage in this "boomerang effect."

I challenge every business owner and person in Haliburton County to give in this way over the next 100 days. Be creative, reach out like you have never done, encourage others to do the same, give graciously with a joyous heart and give even if it hurts. Spare change is not enough, you need to give until it hurts a little bit. That is real giving and it will make a difference.

I was also inspired by Pastor Ron Muhler, the Pastor of the Highland Lakes Community Church in Minden, who told me he is starting a Community helping Community Soup Kitchen in Minden called Bread for life Diner starting Jan. 7, 2011 at noon at the community centre in Minden. Lunch will be served 12:30 to 1 p.m. the first Friday of each month. What a beautiful way to say I love you.

How creative and helpful can you be in the next 100 days?

What can your \$100 do for someone this season and beyond?

Carol Sanio
Minden

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Valerie Smith bids a fond farewell

My 10 year tenure as Trillium Lakelands School Board trustee has come to a close. I wish to extend my gratitude to all the wonderful people of Haliburton County who gave me their support over those 10 years and during the October election. I thank all those who believed in me and for all the supporting notes, emails and phone calls. Though victory evaded me, I do know that my ending as public school board trustee for Haliburton County remains the same as my beginning - filled with passion and devotion to public education and providing opportunities to promote success for all student learners.

The past 10 years at TLDSB have been years filled with challenges and rewards. In 2000 when I came on as trustee, TLDSB was in the throws, like many other school boards across the province, of handling an awesome task. Through new legislature and Ministry of Education directives, school boards were reeling from amalgamation and educational reforms to create a new organization. TLDSB was to bring three very distinct areas together as one - Haliburton County, the Muskoka area and City of Kawartha Lakes. There were varying options and views how to best achieve this. Some looked to the past and said the past should be replicated while others were eager to develop a new and truly unique organization. TLDSB chose to move forward to create a distinctive culture. The task of restructuring was looked upon as a time to try new ideas, review past successes in all three areas, and explore creative solutions. It was a time for profound learning, a time to create a learning organization able to cope with current and continuous changes. In order to make change meaningful and lasting, TLDSB employed the idea that change was best brought

about by engaging all members of TLDSB in the change process. We wanted a new distinctive culture characterized by a readiness to accept new ideas and solve problems together. We wanted to develop positive interrelationships throughout all of TLDSB.

Our overarching beliefs focused on accountability, caring, positive change, effective communication, learning, community, caring and commitment. This was our initial road map and it has been our intended direction as we addressed the emerging issues over the past 10 years. A board of education that is willing to meet provincial education initiatives and directions head on. Turning challenges into opportunities. It has been a long road to a truly great destination!

Over the past 10 years my fellow trustees and I have worked diligently with directors of education Evelyn Brown, David Hill, Cathy Verduyn and present director Larry Hope, members of senior administration, education staff and all our school communities to bring TLDSB to be the great board it is today. TLDSB is a board of education that is well respected by its own community and other boards across the province.

I am very proud to have been a part of the journey of TLDSB over the past years. My wish for all organizations and committees in Haliburton County is success and prosperity.

My wish for individuals is that your homes are filled with love, laughter and great smells of home-cooked meals this Christmas season and your New Year be filled with peace, understanding, good health and good will.

Valerie Smith
Harcourt



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The Township of Minden Hills is hosting Shiny Programs at the S. G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena located at 55 Parkside Street in Minden.

The Shiny Programs are: Mon. Dec. 27 through to Thurs. Dec. 30 and Mon. Jan 3 through to Thurs. Jan. 6th

1:00-2:00pm ages up to and including 11
2:00-3:00pm ages 12 & up

Full equipment is required and the cost is
\$2.00/per child/per day

Minden New Years Fun Party

5:30-8:30pm
Minden Arena
Indoor/Outdoor Holiday Skate
Wagon Rides
Toboggan Hill
Torch Walk leaves Village Green at 7:30pm Christmas Tree Bonfire
8pm Bring non-perishable food for the food bank Please drop off your Christmas trees by the Scout Hall. No decorations please!

FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Start on Jan 13, 2011
Turn off the TV Family gym time at ASES in the Gym Thursdays
6:30-8pm Join the Minden Marching Band at ASES in the Music Room, Thursdays 6:30-8pm Beginners of all ages welcome!

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Dec 30th Tim Hortons
Dec 31st Minden Kin Club

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays - 7:00 pm - Zumba
Minden Community Centre - \$5.00

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Meetings and Events

December 24th	12 noon – Community Centre/Arena–CLOSED
December 24th	Admin Office CLOSED
December 25th	Community Centre/Arena – CLOSED
December 26th	
- 30th	11 am - 1 pm – Free Public Skating
Dec 27 – 31st	Admin Office CLOSED
January 3rd, 2011	Admin Office OPEN

NOTICE

Please be advised that the Township of Minden Hills Administration Office will be closed from and including Friday, December 24th and will reopen on Monday, January 3rd, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. for the Christmas holidays.

Anyone requiring immediate assistance for a "Township Related" emergency should call the after hours number 1-866-856-3247. For all other emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills is seeking expressions of interest from members of the public for the upcoming term of Council, effective January 2011 through November 2014, wishing to sit on any of the advisory boards/committees listed below:

Finance Committee

Roads Committee

Economic Development Committee

Youth Committee

Parks & Recreation Committee (includes Community Facilities in

Irondale, Gelert & Lochlin)

Minden Hills Cultural Centre Committee

Community Engagement Committee

Minden Hills Library Committee

Cemetery Board

Events Committee

Committee of Adjustment

Solid Waste Management Committee

Protective Services Committee

Planning & Development Committee

We would ask that you provide the undersigned with a Letter of Interest and application form on or before January 4th, 2011 at our office – 2nd floor, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

For further information on these committees (purpose, etc.) please visit our website at www.mindenhill.ca and go to the tab "Clerk" or "Public Notices".

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Cheryl McCarroll, Clerk

cmccarroll@mindenhill.ca

(705) 286-1260 ext. 214

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BY

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

(By-law – 10-84)

(Threebrooks Estates, Part of Lot 5, Concession 13, geographic Township of Snowdon)

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 09-98 on the 9th day of December, 2010 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 29th day of December, 2010, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law, describing the lands to which the by-law applies, and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies, are attached. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of Minden Hills this 15th day of December, 2010.

C. McCarroll
CLERK

TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTE: Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed:

a. the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Minden Hills Council to the Ontario Municipal Board; and

b. the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

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Skating with Santa

Photos by Chad Ingram

There were plenty of smiles and holiday cheer at a public skating event with Santa Claus in Minden on Dec. 20.

At left, this skater was getting along with a little help. Above, there was no shortage of skaters or Christmas cheer. Above right, getting in some last-minute Christmas wishes with the man himself as Mindenites skated with Santa at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Dec. 20. At right, this little guy may be too young to skate, but that didn't stop him from enjoying the afternoon.



MH township hires interim CAO

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills township has hired an interim chief administrative officer in the wake of its regular CAO taking what is shaping up to be a long sick leave.

Councillors voted to hire John Rogers, a former CAO and mayor, to cover for CAO

Gerry Morrison while he is away following a closed session at its Dec. 9 meeting.

Morrison has been on sick leave since Nov. 30.

"We have some very capable staff, but neither the treasurer or the clerk has the experience to deal with legal and personnel issues," Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid told the *Times* earlier this week.

Rogers, who served as CAO in Aurora

and the Township of East Gwillimbury, was mayor of Georgina and is a trained attorney, will be working for the township three days a week until Morrison returns, Reid said.

Rogers and his wife have a winterized cottage in Algonquin Highlands.

Reid had not heard from Morrison and was unsure about his condition or when he might return to work.

The *Times* was unable to contact him before press time.

Morrison is on contract with the township until 2012.

He started with Minden Hills eight years ago and was recently given an award by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario for 30 years of service.



ASES students jump for Christmas

Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Grade 6 class were in a jumping mood, and busy rehearsing the Bruce Springsteen version of Santa Claus Is Coming to Town for the Christmas concert. The boys were responsible for percussion while the girls were dancing and singing. This class is taught by Mr. Buchanan.

Darren Lum Times staff



Grade 3s get creative

Mrs. Coneybeare's Grade 3 student Ruthie colours in her Christmas gift bag during class at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Tuesday, Dec. 21. Ruthie and the rest of the class will receive four blocks in their gift bag and will attempt to make something with the pieces over the holidays.

Darren Lum Times staff

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Detailed fire dept reports requested by AH council

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands council will be getting more information on the township's fire services on a regular basis, as well as more information from other departments.

Changes to staff reports were discussed at the new council's first regular meeting

on Dec. 16.

After fire chief John Hogg presented his report - which looks mostly at the number of monthly fire calls - Ward 3 Councillor Gary Schultz said he'd like to see more detailed reports on the activities of the fire department, including information about training exercises and staffing.

"I'd like to know when somebody leaves the department," Schultz said. "This is a life

and death situation."

"I don't disagree with you at all," said Reeve Carol Moffatt, adding that she and Hogg had had a conversation about widening the scope of the report.

Hogg agreed as well, saying that at one time he gave a more in-depth report, but council had scaled it down.

Councillors said they'd also like more detailed reports from the airport, which

now looks mostly at fuel sales.

Schultz also said he'd like to see more information from public works, but Moffatt told him a lot of the information he was looking for was available through the township's budget documents.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen suggested a road trip to the township's various facilities might be a good idea for councillors.

Business award nominees announced

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce announced the final nominees for the fifth annual Business and Community Achievement Awards Tuesday. Chamber members will be given a chance to vote on these businesses shortly. Using this information, the selection committee will make their choices to be revealed at the gala on Jan. 15 at Pinestone Resort. This is the chamber's main fundraiser for the year. Tickets are \$70 each. Call for more information at 705-286-1760.

Small Business of the Year: Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn; Subway Minden and Haliburton; Maple Moon and Moon Shadows; and Parker Pad and Printing.

Large Business of the Year: Pinestone Resort Conference Centre and Golf Course; and Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve.

New Business of the Year: The Mulligan Club; Molly's Bistro Bakery; Aniz.

Not-for-Profit: SIRCH Community Services; Haliburton County Public Library; Haliburton County Snowmobile Association; Community Care Haliburton County; Young Entrepreneur; The Mulligan Club; WAI Products; Haliburton Language School; Why Not Collect It.

Customer Service Award: Sears Minden; Cordell Carpet; Pharmasave; and Robert-Austin Fuels Ltd.

Highander of the Year: Maarten Steinkamp; Jim Frost; Barb Bolin; Aggie Tose; Ian "Scotty" Morrison; Janis Parker; Keith Burns; and Don Popple.

Skilled Trade Award: Kathy Carey Fitness; Walker's Heating and Cooling; Cottage Hill Furniture and Cabinets; GJ Burtch Construction.

Innovation and Creativity Business Award: Yours Outdoors; ECS Environmental Concrete Systems; Portabell; Heatline;

Portico Timber Frames Inc.; and Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort.



House burned

This home on Embassy Drive near Furnace Falls was destroyed by fire the night of Dec. 18.

Minden Hills's fire chief said the damage was too extensive to trace the cause of the blaze, but did say arson was not suspected.

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Dec. 23rd at Noon

MINDEN TIMES
Jan. 5th is Thursday
Dec. 30th at Noon

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Which of Santa's eight reindeer was the father of Rudolph the red-nosed one?

- a. Donner/Donder
- b. Blitzen
- c. Cupid
- d. Bicuspid



In what year did Coca Cola begin featuring Santa in their advertising at Christmas?

- a. 1931
- b. 1935
- c. 1939
- d. 1984



In Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, how many children does Bob Cratchit have?

- a. 3
- b. 4
- c. 5
- d. 6

Bonus question: What's the name of the youngest?



How many ghosts visited Scrooge?

- a. 2
- b. 4
- c. 6
- d. 8



What are the names of the police officer and cab driver in the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*?

- a. Statler and Waldorf
- b. Bert and Ernie
- c. Captain and Tennille
- d. Brad and Angelina



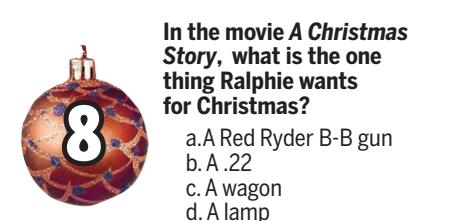
What was the name of the town in *It's a Wonderful Life*?

- a. Bedford Falls
- b. Whoville
- c. Las Vegas
- d. Elmira



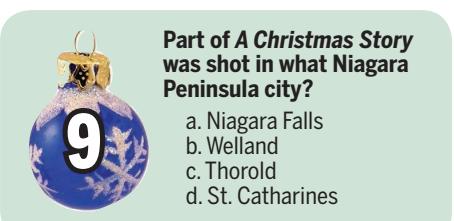
In *It's a Wonderful Life*, what is the name of George Bailey's Guardian Angel?

- a. Gabriel
- b. Clarence
- c. Michael
- d. Raphael



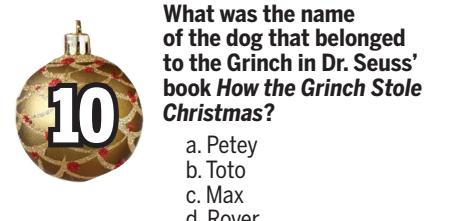
In the movie *A Christmas Story*, what is the one thing Ralphie wants for Christmas?

- a. A Red Ryder B-B gun
- b. A .22
- c. A wagon
- d. A lamp



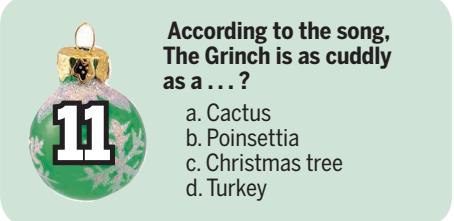
Part of *A Christmas Story* was shot in what Niagara Peninsula city?

- a. Niagara Falls
- b. Welland
- c. Thorold
- d. St. Catharines



What was the name of the dog that belonged to the Grinch in Dr. Seuss' book *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*?

- a. Petey
- b. Toto
- c. Max
- d. Rover



According to the song, The Grinch is as cuddly as a . . . ?

- a. Cactus
- b. Poinsettia
- c. Christmas tree
- d. Turkey



Who is the narrator in the cartoon *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*?

- a. Boris Karloff
- b. Larry King
- c. Foster Hewitt
- d. William Hutt



In the movie *Miracle on 34th Street*, Kris Kringle is hired to play Santa Claus in what department store?

- a. FAO Schwarz
- b. Gimble's
- c. Wal-Mart
- d. Macy's



In which newspaper did the editorial 'Yes Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus' originally appear?

- a. *The New York Sun*
- b. *Toronto Sun*
- c. *Toronto Telegraph*
- d. *New York Times*



What do the songs *Jingle Bells*, *Winter Wonderland*, and *Sleighride* have in common?

- a. All involve snow
- b. All involve hot chocolate
- c. Elvis has recorded them
- d. None mention Christmas



In which year was Queen Elizabeth's Christmas message to the nation first televised?

- a. 1947
- b. 1954
- c. 1957
- d. 1967



Who sang *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*?

- a. Gene Autry
- b. Burl Ives
- c. Roger Whitaker
- d. Justin Bieber



In what ocean can you find Christmas Island?

- a. Indian Ocean
- b. Arctic Ocean
- c. Atlantic Ocean
- d. Pacific Ocean



If you were to receive all of the gifts in the song *The 12 Days of Christmas*, how many would you receive?

- a. 144
- b. 284
- c. 364
- d. 424



In what country did the real St. Nicholas live?

- a. Denmark
- b. The Netherlands
- c. Bulgaria
- d. Turkey



What does Alvin the Chipmunk want for Christmas?

- a. An iPad
- b. A bottle of Coca Cola
- c. A Hula Hoop
- d. A BB-gun



In *A Charlie Brown's Christmas*, instead of "a lot of stupid toys," what does Lucy want?

- a. Barbie
- b. Sleigh
- c. A pony
- d. Real Estate



In *A Charlie Brown's Christmas*, Sally asks Santa for one gift. What is it?

- a. Peace
- b. Goodwill
- c. A baby brother
- d. Money



What are the ingredients for eggnog?

- a. Eggs, butter and whipped cream
- b. Sugar, milk and eggs
- c. Vanilla, milk and nutmeg
- d. Rum, milk and eggs

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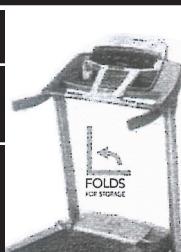
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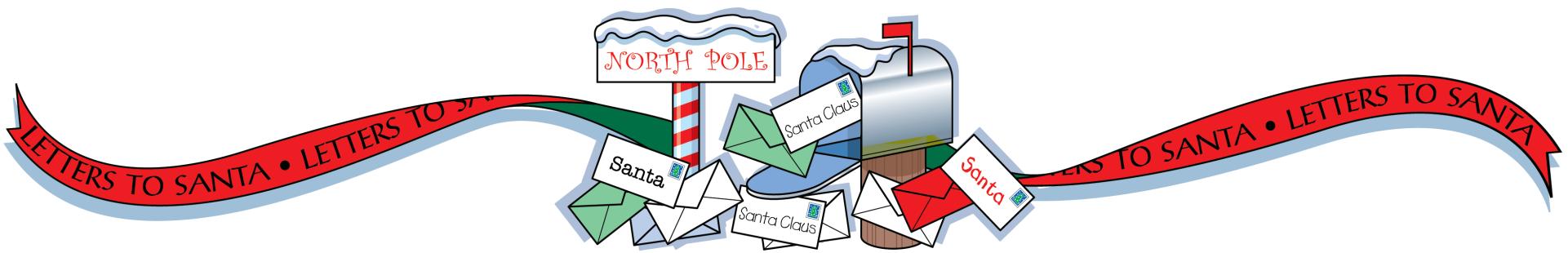
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Grade 2/3

Mrs. Coneybear

Dear Santa

This job is wonderful. The kids hang me carefully on the branches. When they rip the wrapper off me I feel so free! The kids lick me. I like the feeling of their warm tongue going up and down. Their hands hold me in my middle.

From your Dear Candy Cane,
Michal Swiezawski

Dear Santa

Every Dec. 25 kids put there descusting hands into my mouth and grab toys out of me. I do no like it at all. I'd rather be in the garbage by now and why do they not be nice to me? It's very mean! I always hold toys for them all they hold is air! All I can do is knock my self over and break their toys but it would hurt me when I fall and the kids will be sad and I will not get any present. Well mabe I can handle it until Christmas morning then i got to get thrown into a dark box in the back of a closet.

From Billy Walker the stocking

Dear Santa Claus

This Christmas there should be a rule that people should not eat my friends and me. Every Christmas, my friends are getting eaten by you! There should be another rule and that rule is that you should never eat cookies again! I worry that probably when you come inside, you will eat me! One Christmas Eve, my gingerbread friend named Ginger got eaten. Now it is only me and 8 more gingerbreads left in the world! Now, It's about 17 days until Christmas! I am trying to find a good hiding spot to enjoy the rest of my freedom. OK, I really find Christmas scary! Yes! Christmas! I die on December 25! But luckily it won't happen this year because I am the most important part of Christmas! Ugh! I hate that I could possibly get eaten! I am scared! Even though I am so beautiful they still eat me. But I am still a tasty little snack. I smell like chocolate. I am soft like a chocolate chip, my sound is crunchy and my owners say "Eat!" Ok, I'm going to hide in the fireplace! I think I will be safe.

From Sam Hoendo, the gingerbread cookie

To night is Christmas

The nois of Santa's reindeer on the roof mad me want to jump off the plate and run away. Those reindeer were scar-ing me. Santa picked me up and he bit my arm off ouch! Santa

drowned me in milk and I noticed all my arms and legs were gone. Santa placed me back on the plate and left me santa mad me angry but I could not do any thing. Santa come back to me and help me I yelled. Maybe next year someone will back me again and ice me and even put some gumdrops on me. Santa will never find me in my house cause next year I'll be in the tree instead of on a plate.

From Alex Little The gingerbread cookie

Dear Santa

This Christmas when the people cut me down and they take me to there house. The children decorat me and it makes me look so Beautiful.

But the decorations knok some of my needles off. And at the end of Christmas I get a little worried because sometimes people cut us Christmas trees up and turn us into firewood. and sometimes people even throes us away. and we only get kept for a day.

From Jonah Redman The Christmas Tree

Dear Santa Claw

My name is Jenny the Christmas Stocking. I am a Christmas Stocking for a little girl. Who is six years old named Jessica. This year I am a half full stocking and I am sad because Jessica will be sad too. Jessica wasn't listening to her teacher and I am wor-



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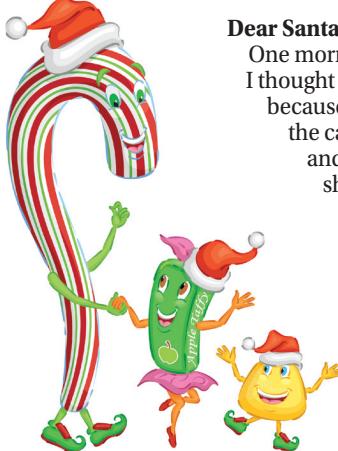


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ried that she might get a bag of rocks. I tried to help Jessica be a better listener for her teacher. Her teacher will be really happy. I will also be so happy if I try again to help Jessica be a better listener. A few days later the teacher was very proud because Jessica listened to her. Then I got really full and Jessica was very happy.

From your best friend Jenn Stocking.
Jenny Jennifer May McMullen



Dear Santa

One morning I was hanging on a tree. I thought I was going to have a bad day because I saw a huge cat. I thought the cat was going to climb the tree and knock me over! I started to shake so bad because it was a really big cat. Next the cat almost ate me and it hurt! The cat had bad breath and this was scary. I yelled "un-oh"! I am very scared. Luckily, he did not come back.

From Bennett Stephenson,
the candy cane

To Santa

It was the night everyone was talking about but me and my cousin. The man known as Santa was coming and this is how we feel. To Santa please don't eat me I am very special and I will prove it. Last year it was dark when I was lying on this plate and suddenly I heard a huge BOOM! The boom was scary and loud until I found out it was a person in a red suit. I whispered "Dont eat me santa". Then my cousin said "your lucky you can be baked again but I did not care at all not one bit at all about being baked again. I am very special shortbread cookie. My cousin started to giggle then fell and spilled some of his white slippery soaking wet stuff on my plate. The plate was all slippery and right before you finished putting the gifts under the tree my soggy body slipped off the plate and I escaped to a cupboard. I screamed from the cupboard. The cupboard door came and slammed on my chest and I got slammed on a plate and my crumbs came off. I got pretty anxious to see if milk was jealous that I escaped. I saw Santa drinking my cousin. He was

going into Santas tummy so I should go save him. I shoved a glass plate out of the cupboard and it crashed onto the counter and shattered onto the counter into thousands of pieces. My cousin and I hid in the Fridge together we felt tired but proud to be safe from Santa claus himself.

From Nigel Smith, the shortbread cookie

Dare Santa

On Christmas eve the people hung every thing up, on their tree. Even me. People put me on top of the tree where I sparkled. "I am important for the tree and I feel so proud" I said to myself. But a big snow man got in the way of me. I was so angry. He would not move, no one could see me sparkle. "Why are you so rude?" I asked the snow man I heard a loud thump. It was Santa. He said Ho Ho Ho quietly. Santa asked me way are you down there on the floor? That snow man pushed me Santa put me back on the top of the tree, in the snow man and said, "You're getting coal in your stocking this year."

From Trista Greer, The Angel

Dear Santa

On Christmas Eve when you came I loved it when you filled me up with little toys and candy like candy canes, and chocolate kisses.

As I looked from where I was hanging by the warm cozy fire I asked myself "What is Santa doing over there at our Christmas tree?"

Soon then I saw Santa put down a present and another and another, Next I could feel the chocolate melting inside me. It was so silky. I loved it.

The chocolate was starting to drip out of the bottom of me. Just then Santa came over to me and magically made the chocolate go back to big chunks the way they were before!



Lastly, Santa had his cookies and milk and he went up the chimney.

From Sterling Nesbitt the stocking

Dunno's Christmas Story

My name is Dunno. I am the boss elf at the North Pole for Santa Claus. He is the first Boss elf and I am his helper.

I take good care of the reindeer. I give them food and make sure their beds have clean straw. They have bells on their collars and I have to shine them.

I make sure the elves don't break the toys. I make them hot chocolate and milk and cookies. Santa likes that too.

I am very busy. After Santa's gone delivering toys, the elves all go outside to play in the snow.

When Santa gets back we start to make toys all over again until next Christmas.

Tyler Wilson

Dear Santa

I'm going to be frightened this year near Christmas time because someone might eat me! People think I am delicious! I look yummy. AAAAH! I am red, green and white and I am really sparkly with these colours on me. I am rock solid and so strong that I can hang off a tree with only one arm. Children either suck on me like a lollipop or they chew on me like I am a big tough steak. Do you like candy Santa? Are you going to eat me??!

Christopher McNight, Candy Cane

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Dear Santa Claus

It is almost Christmas Eve. I hope you'll see me all lit-up and bright. I've never been lit-up all red, green and blue.

But oh-no no bells on my branches, what should I do? Its a good thing that the family came down stairs with the bells.

Suddenly out of nowhere there were Big Foot Steps on the roof. "It's Santa," I whispered to myself. Two minutes later after everybody was in bed. Santa came down stairs. Santa hung ten candy canes on my branches. I saw him put his big bag of toys on the floor. Santa took out the big and small presents. He placed them gently under me. I felt proud.

From Stua Violet Buwaida, The Christmas Tree

Dear Santa

It was two weeks before Christmas and the family didn't put any ornaments on me. I thought the family forgot about me. Finally the family came with a box of ornaments and I got so excited. But then I changed my mind, I said "those sharp hooks hurt" The ornaments were big and heavy, I can't hardly hold them. After that something got worse the most beautiful part of me was covered. No one could see the angel I was shaking with anger because no one could see the angel!

From Colin Crowe the Christmas Tree

Dear Santa

It was the night, the night I was going to feel special. Before I was on the tip of the Christmas tree I was in a box in the back of a closet. I heard foot steps coming my way. Are the people going to take me? What do you think? The people started to rip open the box that I was in. They took me out and put me on the tip of the Christmas tree. I thought I was going to be the beautiful one but on the tree was. All you could see was lights and red bulbs. When I was on top a gingerbread man hopped in front of me I yelled at him, "Who do you think you are ah ah? You took my spotlight. No one can see me now I need everyone's eyes on me just to feel seen. Finally a hand grabbed the gingerbread man and ate him up. I was so happy after that Santa.

From Matea Marley Cameron The Angel

Dear Santa

Flying practice all started a few days before Christmas. I was the first one to take off, but there was a problem, my fly-

ing didn't improve because I was playing tag with my friends Donner and Blitzen on the weekend instead of doing my flying practice. When you were drinking hot cocoa and eating chocolate chip cookies inside. I felt so foolish for not listening to you. Next Christmas I'll listen to you Santa. I have learned my lesson.

Grace Wagenaar

**Dear Santa**

I have been waiting for the kids to unwrap me. I can't wait to be unwrapped and make them excited. I want to be played with.

I want to be placed in front of the other toys. My wrapping paper is blue. I don't want to be dropped on the ground or I will break so Santa please put me gently under the tree.

Their mouths open up and their eyes get bigger because they're so anxious. I feel proud that I can make the children smile.

From Alex Joiniffe the Christmas present

The day before Christmas my owners were asleep and I was barenaked! I can't believe the wont just wake up and hang things on me. I just want them to hang decorations on me because it was the day before Christmas and I was bored. Suddenly I heard someone coming, it was my Buddy Caleb! I felt jumpy. "I hope he was coming down to hang yellowstars on me." I said in all excited voice. But he only turned on the TV. Then he put a present under me! After that he sat on the couch and watched TV. I heard the whole family come down and they hanged blue sparkling Christmas balls on me and striped candy canes. I loved it because I looked fabules!

From Ruthie Parker the Christmas Tree

Dear Santa Claus,

My owners should respect me the way I am, dont you think? I taste so creamy. I smell like chocolate chips. I swirl while a spoon goes in circles to stir Me. Steam rises from the top of me. You can feel the steam on your face when you drink me. It feels so good. Oh no, here they come. The kids stared at me and looked like they were going to dump me in the sink. I was worried. A kid said in a mean voice "this doesn't have any marshmallows." SO they put marshmallows in me they went to sit down on the couch with me. The kids were complaining that I was too cold and not chocolatey enough. So Santa if you see me wasted on the table, can you drink me. Merry Christmas.

From Carly Gullins, the Cup of Hot Chocolate

Dear Santa Claus

I am steaming hot and have marshmallows in me. I don't like it when people sip on me. When people sip on me, lots of me goes away. Then they make more of me. My friend the spoon stirs me up. I think I make people cozy and warm in their tummies.

From Jon Bittner the Cup of Hot Chocolate



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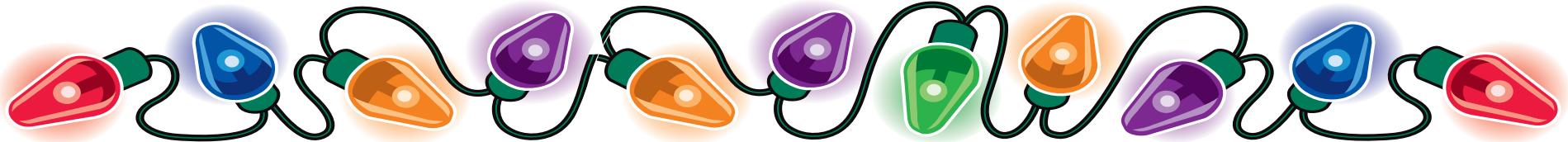
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I'm so excited for Christmas. I have to get ready for Christmas and decorate my antlers, last year was a Christmas to remember and this is what happened. I'm getting ready to fly, 3, 2, 1, 0. "Weee." "Uh, oh," The sled broke down. "Santas going to be so mad", yelled all of us reindeer. "What happened?" Santa asked in a stern voice, "The sled broke down," we replied. "Well fix it," said all of us reindeer. First we got some wood and started hammering the wood. We made the sleigh. Then we got paint and painted it.

We got toys and put them on the sleigh. Lastly Santa hooked all of us reindeer on the sleigh. I was so excited I was prancing around. We gave all the other presents to the little kids, "We saved Christmas," I cried. I got to the tree and there is a present for me. I love Christmas.

By Hailey Anderson

The Lazy Reindeer

I Blitzen was once too lazy to fly on Christmas Eve. It starts like this. I was so relaxed but when I heard it was Christmas eve I really did not want to fly. So I decided to run away. I ran far away from the North Pole. In the distance I saw travellers. I told them I was lost so they lead me back to Santa. Santa told me how much he needs me to fly. So I ran and I pounced and I flew.

By Mackenzie Porter

The Broken Sleigh

On Christmas day I approached my sled to find my red Santa hat but when I sat down my sleigh broke in half. "I must



Fifteen year old HHHS student, Carrie Oitment, sent in this photo of her horse in the paddock on a snowy day.



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have eaten to many cookies I thought. I yelled and told my elves to drop what they are doing now and fix my sled. My elves used wood, rope and nails to fix my sled, I cheered and said, "Christmas will soon be here.

By Ethan Gohm

Christmas eve

One night seven of my reindeer friends were getting ready for Christmas until one of them said I am getting tired of Christmas. So my other friends said, "Ya, me too." Rudolph announced, "I guess I will have Christmas by myself. You will all ruin Christmas if you don't fly." "Ok Ok," said Dasher. Suddenly it got darker. We screamed, "It's Christmas Eve!" We had Christmas and we all promised we would never give up on Christmas again.

By Jocelyn Babineau

The Lazy Christmas

I know you have not heard about the lazy Christmas. I, Dasher, plan to tell you. It all starts when Santa was tired. Here I go. Santa was being very lazy so he went to sleep. "Zzzz Zzzz". The elves were worried. One of the elves exclaimed, "Oh no! Santa is asleep. We don't know what toys to make!" The reindeer were tired of exercising so the reindeer had a big snooze. "Zzzz Zzzz" I really did not know what to do now. Everybody was being lazy and sleeping so then there, I Dasher, was left to get Mrs Claus. I thought she would know what to do. So I ran as fast as my hooves would take me to Mrs Claus. She did know what to do. So she just left and went into the kitchen and started to bake. She put out a snack and "boom" I jumped. The whole pack of sleepy reindeer woke up and ate up the snacks until

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*Wishing you
and yours
a safe and happy
holiday season.*



they were all gone. But there was one problem still. Santa did not wake up. So I thought and quick as a flash I had a plan. We all huddled up to write a fake letter to Santa. We acted as if we were a kid. The letter said:

Dear Santa

I am really excited for Christmas. I hope you can make it. From Samantha

Then we said to Santa, "You've got mail." Quick as a flash Santa woke up he read the letter. He got to work and told the workers what they needed to do. We all have a merry Christmas. We all were happy. The end.

By Clariza M Borczak

The Christmas Night

It was a cold Christmas night at the North Pole. Santa and Mrs Claus has a problem. Most

of the elves were not working. Santa called Rudolph and Emma Elf to help them. There will be no toys if the elves don't start working right now.

When Emma Elf and Rudolph went to talk to the elves, they were dancing and having a party. Emma Elf shouted, "STOP the party! You have work to do." "We are always working and we need a break." Mrs Claus arrives with fresh baked cookies and punch for the elves. She told them to have a short break now and when the toys were all finished Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and Emma Elf would have the biggest and best party they ever had. People send us letters for special presents and we always deliver. Everyone was happy.

By Shaylene Lingner

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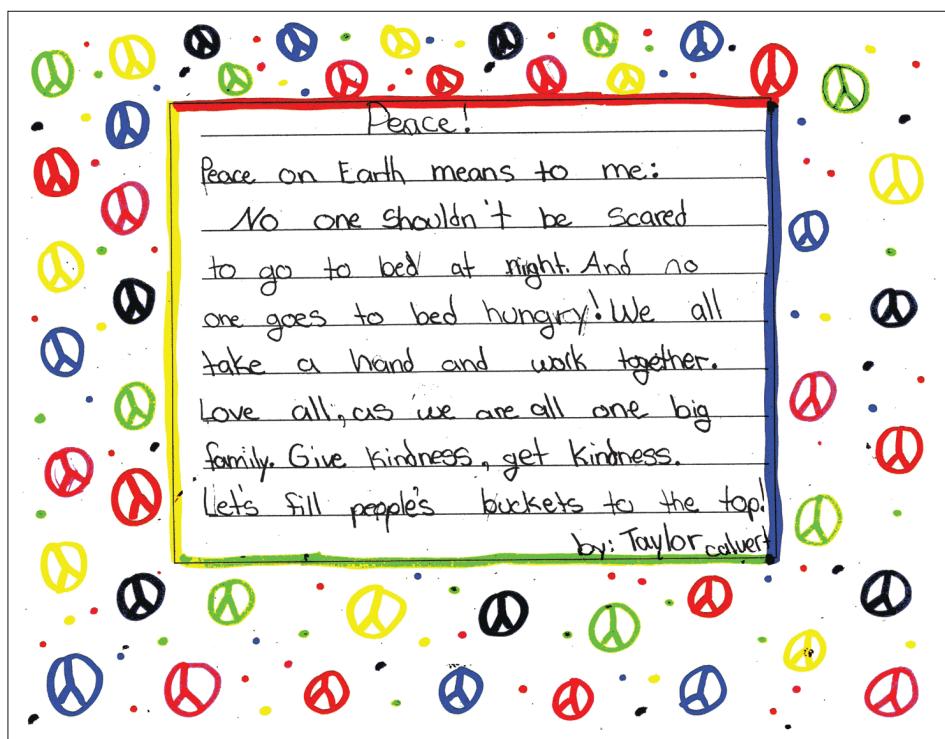
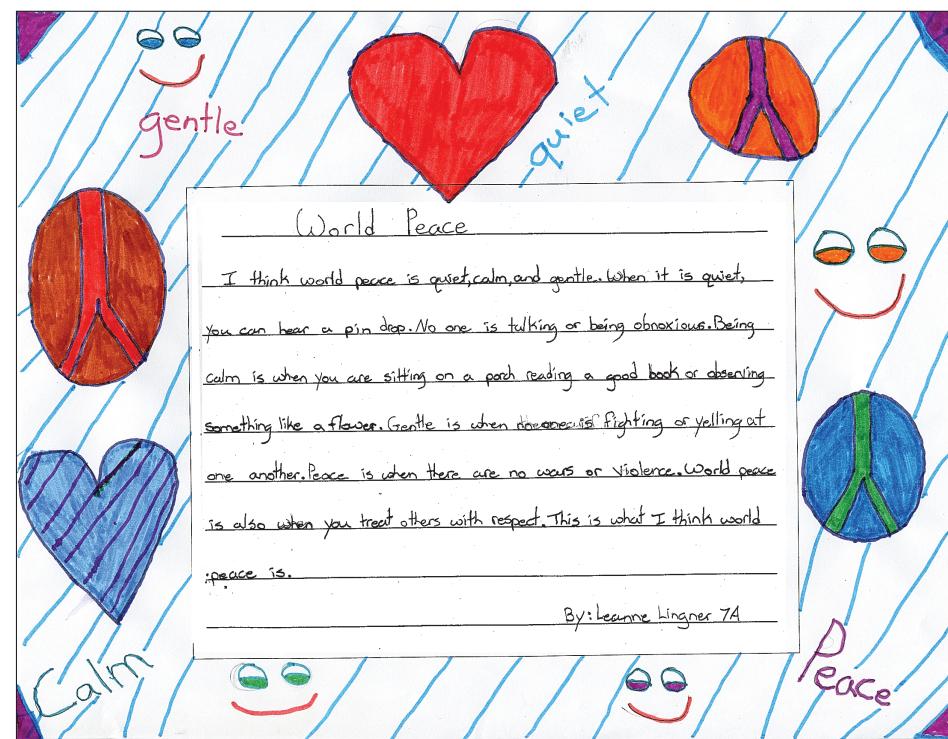
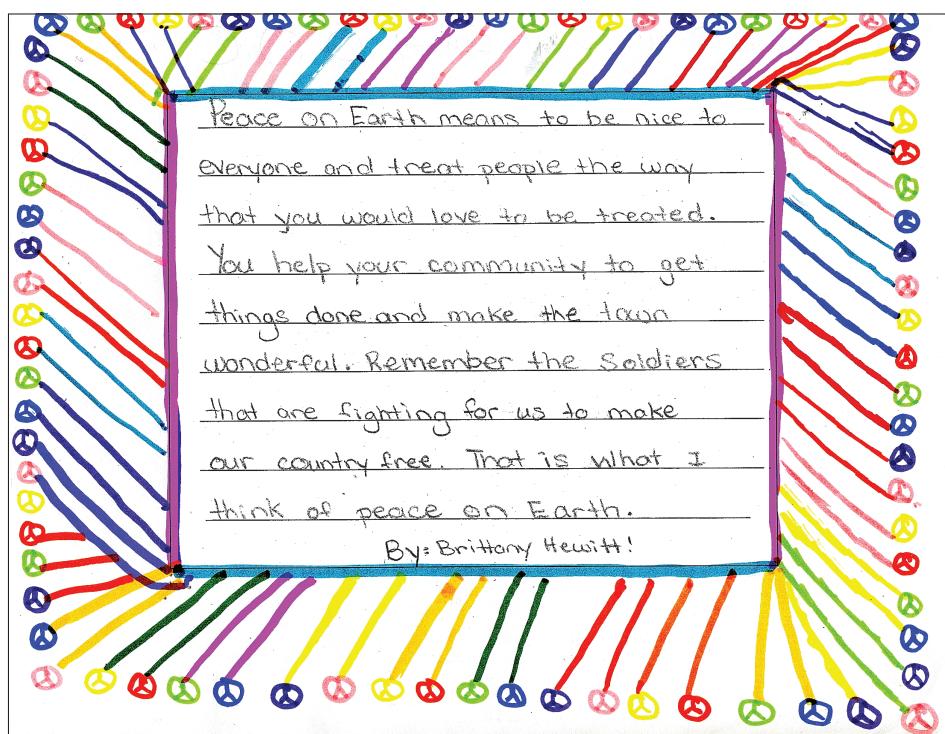
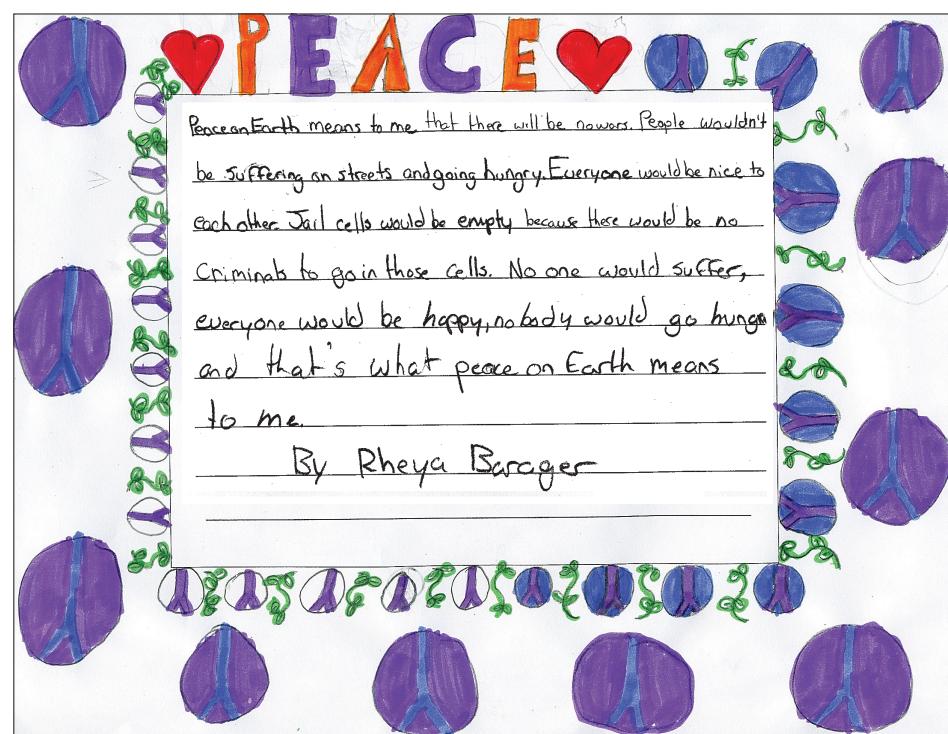
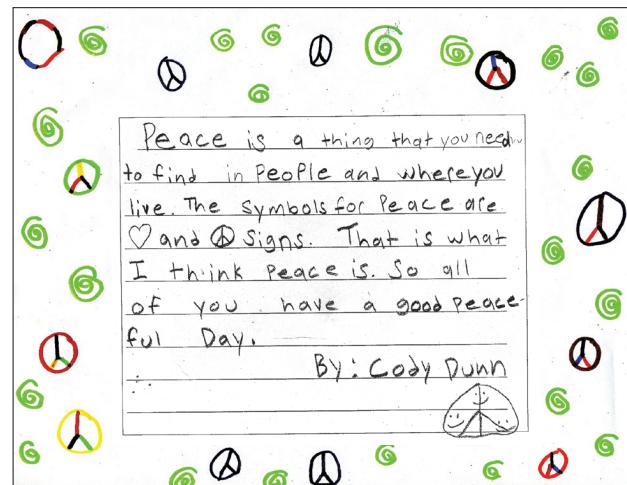
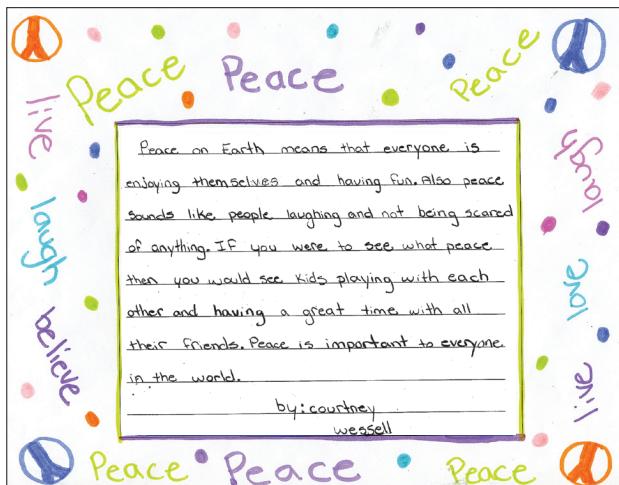
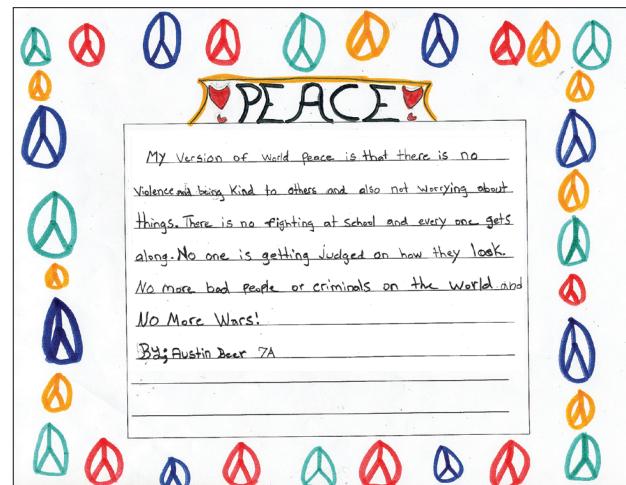
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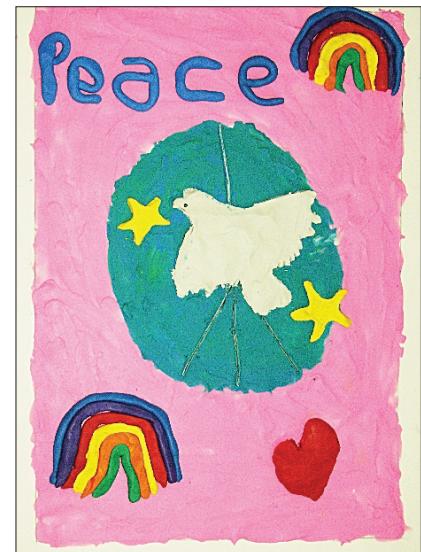
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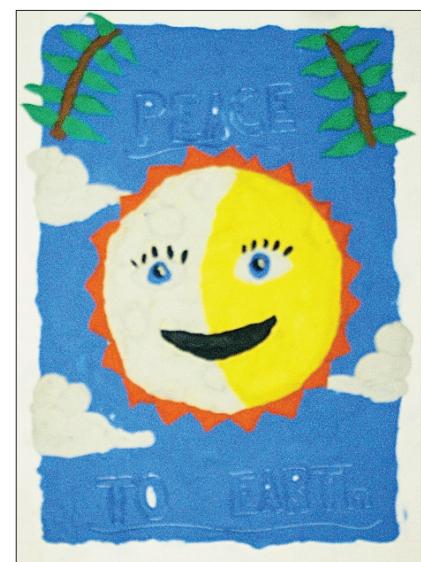




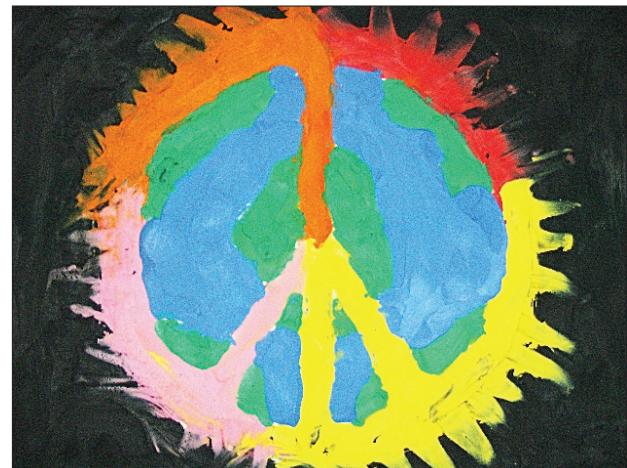
Owen Mackeigan shares a laugh with friends during an art class where students made works depicting peace on earth in honour of Christmas.



Creating peace in the class room



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Grade 7 Archie Stouffer student Courtney Wessell shows off the Plasticine picture she created in the theme of peace on earth during a recent art class.



Antony Azevedo concentrates on his work as he creates a Plasticine picture depicting peace.



Archie Stouffer Elementary School students had no shortage of creative ideas as they created Plasticine art works depicting peace on earth earlier this month.

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The Reindeer

I think there is a problem with the reindeer. Santa and I are telling the reindeer to practice flying because they are sitting around and eating. I am not happy. I tell the reindeer that I am going to get Santa if they don't start flying. So they don't start flying, so I go to get Santa. I said, "The reindeer are not flying."

I come out with Santa and Santa is swinging his arms. Santa said, "Start flying." They don't. So he gave them their favourite treat and they still don't fly. So Santa goes to get the sled and hooks them up to the reins. They still don't fly. Then Santa said he will fire them if they don't fly. All the reindeer will get fired, except Rudolph if they don't fly. Thank goodness the reindeer fly and they go and deliver presents.

By Benn MacNaull

The Christmas Story

I know you know about Rudolph and he saved Christmas. This is another problem. A couple of my elves do not want to work. Then all my elves leave me! I am going to stomp up to Mrs Clause to ask her to help fix it. My beard was curling up to my foggy glasses. Now I only have Mrs Clause helping me because my elves do not want to help. Luckily I heard a gentle knock. It was all my elves coming back to work. Thank goodness Christmas was saved. The end.

By Quintin Beaver

Christmas

Santa gives us toys on Christmas. Santa works very hard at Christmas. Mrs Claus made Christmas cookies for all the girls and boys. Rudolph was feeling sick so Santa gave him a few cookies. Santa made Rudolph better. Santa delivered the toys on time. It was a fun Christmas.

Jacob Loney

The Broken Sleigh

There was a problem at the North Pole. The sleigh was broken. "It must be fixed," Santa

yelled. We need parts. Make them today tomorrow is Christmas. "I went right to work. All the other elves helped me. First we made the parts. Then we put them on the sleigh. The sleigh had all brand new shiny parts and less weight than before. I said, "Santa the sleigh is fixed." Santa replied happily "Good. We need the reindeer hitched up." They got the reindeer in a harness. Santa got them ready to go and he hopped in the sleigh. Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas.

By Brady Baldry

Santa's Problem

I tuck my fluffy white beard into my red bulky suit. I get the reindeer in the air. "Grrr, what's that," I asked "We're hungry," complained the reindeer. "I guess we have to find some food for you guys to eat." "We could try compost," suggested Vixen. So the reindeer try compost. They didn't like it because it was gross. So they tried pine needles. They didn't like them because they tasted like not finished maple syrup yum! So we gave up but when we got to the 112th house. The kids left out reindeer food for the reindeer. So the problem was solved itself and the reindeer weren't hungry any more.

By Jorja Hie

Christmas

I am Santa. We have a problem. Rudolph doesn't want to leave Vancouver because he wants to see the Christmas Parade. I need to go to Vancouver to get Rudolph. It was a very windy night. We almost crashed into a tree. I went to Vancouver and found Rudolph. I told him that he could watch the parade on tv. Rudolph and I went home, watched the parade, and prepared to fly on Christmas Eve.

By Sam Wilson

The Elf

I need a break. I always do all the work. So I said to Santa, "Get another elf to work I need

a break."

Santa Claus said, "yes!" I get a break. Now I can go to the beach. I can go to sleep. After I get a break I am happy and I am rested. I am going to fly back to the North Pole. I will go back to work. Christmas will soon be.

By Breanna Stephenson

Lazy Santa

It takes place outside at the North Pole. Santa is in the hot tub drinking egg nog, eating, and watching TV all day.

Santa is being lazy. Who will drive the sleigh?

Rudolph and I put Santa on an exercise program. We made him run laps, skip and eat less. Santa isn't lazy anymore. He feels stronger and healthy and ready to drive the sled. Merry Christmas.

By Braden Kirkpatrick

The Big Christmas Day!

My name is Kattie the Elf. Do you want to hear my story about the Big Christmas Day? The Day before Christmas there no more tools to build presents. "The kids are going to be so disappointed," said Santa. "They will cry." Suddenly Santa got an idea. Santa figured it out and I figured it out too. Santa and I got on to the sleigh and went to the tool shop. Then we came back to Santa's work-shop. We all started building. Thank goodness Christmas Eve was saved.

By Hannah Taylor

One Christmas Day

One Christmas Dancer said, "I can't fly for Santa." Santa said, "What! Are you serious?" "Yes," said Dancer. "Then who is going to fly my sleigh?" asked Santa. "Go get Rudolph," said Dancer. "I still need you to help too,"

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Santa replied. Mrs Claus comes out with an idea in her head that Dancer should take flying lessons. Dancer says, "Good idea Mrs. Claus." He takes the lessons and passes with flying colours. Now Dancer is ready to fly for Christmas. He feels so much better and he's ready to help Santa deliver the presents. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

By Isaac Griffin

The week before Christmas

The Elves weren't working in the North Pole. It was a week before Christmas! The elves were just watching kids. My name is David the elf, and I'm the only one that is working. The reindeer and I tried to make presents but couldn't do it alone. So we got Santa to yell at the elves and say "you will be fired if you don't make presents." The elves finally made presents. Christmas was saved.

By Ryan Hall



On Christmas Eve my elves will not work. Myself, Santa, is very upset. My stomach is rumbling and my beard is all curled up. So I thought I would do some thing about it. I stomped into the workshop. I hollered "Get to work!" But no one moved. The elves just looked at me. So I screamed, "Elf meeting right this moment" They came to it. I said "You people just don't know how to keep working do you?" Freddy said, "I guess we don't but we should work. If we want Christmas" So the elves stumbled out the door. They all worked hard and Santa was jolly once again.

By Cody Wessell

Christmas Night

One night on Christmas night I flew across the moon to deliver presents. Santa saw we were hungry and went to get food. Santa and Rudolph went to the grocery store and it was closed. Rudolph wants to fix it so Rudolph made his own food because Santa was tired. Rudolph was flying to the North to a little girl's backyard. The girl saw Rudolph she gave Rudolph carrot soup. Rudolph came back with carrot soup and shared with the other reindeer. Santa finds out that the reindeer found their own food. All the reindeer were happy and had a merry Christmas. Santa was proud.

By Grace Kim

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Cool
Holiday
Reindeer
Ice
Santa Claus
Tobogganing
Mrs. Claus
Angel
Stockings

Jenna Hamilton 5A

CHRISTMAS TREE

Cookies
Ho ho ho
Reindeer
Ice
Santa
Toys
Mrs. Claus
Antlers
Snow
Trees
Rudolph
Evergreen
Elf

Adam Voicey 5A

CHRISTMAS TREE

Christmas
Holiday
Reindeer
Ice
Santa
Mrs. Claus
Angel
Star
Tree
Rudolph
Exciting
Elf

Seth Smith 5A

SANTA CLAUS

Santa
Angel
New toys
Tree
Advent
Cookies
Love
Awesome
Unwrapping
Snowboard/ski

Mac Moynes 5A

CHRISTMAS

Cookies for Santa
Happy day
Rein deer
Interesting
Stocking
Toys
Marvelous
Amazing
Santa

Special
Awesome
Nice
Tremendous
Amazing

Owen "Smitty" Smith 5A

CHRISTMAS TIME

Cold
House
Reindeer
Icy roads
Santa
Tobogganing
Magnificent hot cocoa
Awesome presents
Super

Matt Manning 5A

CHRISTMAS

Cold
Helping
Reindeer
Ice
Santa Claus
Tree
More presents
Awesome
Stockings

Carley Duncan 5A

CHRISTMAS

Christmas
Holiday
Rudolph
Ice
Snow
Tree
Mrs Claus
Angel
Sled

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Carol
Holiday
Rudolph
Ice
Sleigh
Tree
Mrs. Claus
Angel
Santa Claus

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MY CHRISTMAS

Cookies
Hot Chocolate
Reindeer
Igloos
Santa Claus
Toys
Mrs Claus
Apple Pie
Snow

Adam Voicey 5A



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Grade 5

The Night Before Christmas

On December 24th 2010 it was a foggy night. There was cold milk and fresh cookies in all of the houses. The next morning some kids got sleds, GT's and snow tubes from Santa. After they woke up and ripped their presents open they were outside using them. It was a jolly Christmas.

Devyn Prentice 5A

ASES's Kind Day!

On Nov. 18th, Archie Stouffer Elementary School had a "Kindness Day." Five classes went to town and they decorated the bridge. They used the decorations they made.

The kids and the teachers had a wonderful day! One of the kids, Skye Mischio said, "I think we were very nice to the town!" Skye's teacher said, "I enjoyed it!"

ASES had a great day of kindness and now the town knows how kind the kids at ASES are.

Brittany Wheeler 5A

My Family Christmas Traditions

Every year my Brother and I made a gingerbread house with my grandma. It is a lot of fun. We get to eat the leftover candy. We also get to decorate the Christmas tree. Then we eat more candy.

By Jesse Sisson 5A

Mrs. Rudolph Had a Baby

On Dec. 5th, 2010 Rudolph's wife, Mrs. Rudolph, had a baby boy named Rudolph Junior. Rudolph and Mrs. Rudolph were happy but Santa Claus and the other reindeer were not.

Santa said that there was not enough room for 10 reindeer and he needed to drop a reindeer from his team!

All the reindeer from his team huddled up in a group. They whispered to each other about who should be kicked off the team. They all agreed that Rudolph should be the one because the baby also had a bright red nose. In fact the baby had an even brighter nose!

But when they were having the conversation, a polar bear overheard them. He bought the baby reindeer a rein, so there could be 10 reindeer on Santa's team.

Camraen Little 5A

Santa Broke His Leg

Santa Claus broke his leg when training his reindeer. This happened Nov. 24th. He was at the North Pole. He was having fun. He is still going to give presents.

A parent who can't afford presents said "No more presents! Oh no! What will my kids do?"

The substitute Santa Claus said not to worry: "I'll have to give awesome kids the best toys I can find." But do not worry. He will still give all kids presents. Also, be good!

Jake Hudson 5A

Rudolph Ran Away

Santa Claus's best reindeer Rudolph ran away on December 24, 2010. This happened at the North Pole. Some of the other reindeer were teasing Rudolph and that's why he ran away.

Santa was very sad. He had something to say. "I simply cannot believe Rudolph ran away! If it was one of the elves that was teasing Rudolph I will fire that elf!"

Dancer the reindeer that started the teasing said "I am very sorry I teased Rudolph. I wish he would come back."

Search crews were looking for Rudolph all day. They finally found him for half an hour later in time to fly the sled.

Brendan Taylor 5A



Christmas Eve Disaster

One disastrous Christmas Eve,
Santa got spiders up his sleeve.
Rudolph fell down a hill,
And Santa forgot to pay his hydro bill.
All the reindeer went on strike,
So the presents wouldn't take flight.
When the spiders started to bite,
Santa yelled out in fright.
Just when Santa was about to fly,
His head elf started to cry.
Santa was finally flying up and about,
When Rudolph's light burned out.
So Dancer hurt himself when he ran into a car,
And that was the worst Christmas Eve so far.

Tyler Nash 5A

Students at Archie Stouffer Help Decorate the Town

The students at Archie Stouffer, an awesome school, have helped out our community by helping to decorate for Christmas.

Lucas Bortolussi, a Grade 5 student at ASES, said, "I was really happy to help my community."

Devyn Prentice, another grade 5 student said, "I am trying to give the community back what they give me - kindness."

Thanks to the kids of ASES, our community is now ready for Christmas.

Lucas Bortolussi 5A

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

It was the night before Christmas and all you could hear was laughing, children laughing. The kids, Carla and Christina, were by the tree, decorating the tree. Carla was putting the finishing touch on the tree, of course, the star.

Momma and Papa went to bed. They let us stay up just to put out the cookies and milk. Carla looked at the clock. It was 11:00 and Santa still was not here yet.

All of a sudden, I heard hoofs on the roof. So Christina and I ran right to bed. But when Christina was asleep I crept out of bed and went downstairs and I peeked in the living room door. All I saw was a plump, little man with a red, little suit. His nose was red as a cherry. And his beard as white as snow. And out of his bag popped two little men.

So I guessed this little man was Santa. And the other little men were elves. I spoke not a word, I watched him do his work. He brought Christina just what she wanted: a gogo walking puppy and a new ipod touch. He brought Mamma and Papa a whole lot of things. And what did I get?

I looked over where Santa was standing and he was gone. I looked over where the cookies and milk were and they were gone. I ran over to where my stocking was and nothing was in there. I finally realized my present was seeing Santa. And every year, I get the same present.

Madison Allaire 5A

Christmas

I walked up to my calendar. I saw that there was one day to go. I was so excited! I just got back from Christmas shopping. I got everything I was going to get for my sister, my parents, my cousins and my two twin brothers.

I scurried to the storage room. I pulled out some wrapping paper, tape and some scissors. I ran up to my room and closed the door so no one could see what I got for them. When I finished my mom came back with our Christmas tree. My family

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was going to decorate the tree that night.

Five hours to go and Santa would be here. I was almost going to explode! We set the Christmas tree up and it looked awesome! My mom pulled out a tray of gingerbread cookies. They smelled so good! My brothers, sister and I set some cookies on a tray and set it near the tree with milk. I set out my presents that I was going to give.

I was laying in bed anxiously waiting for Santa. Suddenly I fell asleep. Boom, tat, tat, tat, tat, tat, tat, tat! I woke up. I know it was Santa on my roof! I put my head up. Then, I got out of my bed and put my house coat and slippers on. I walked out to my living room. Suddenly, I stopped dead in my tracks. There, standing about six feet in front of me was Santa Claus. I gasped. He turned around to look at me. Santa said, "Well, hello there. You must be Benjamin." I said, "Yes, I am."

Then he pointed to the chimney and said, "Do you want to see my village? It will only take a couple of minutes. Trust me!" I looked back at my cat and I was startled and said, "O-kay!" and we flew up the chimney.

I was on the roof of my own house. I looked at all the nine little reindeer. I could not believe it! I walked up to Cupid. I touched him he smelled like roses and felt like a white snow rabbit. Santa peered at me and said, "Come on with me to my



village." So I jumped into the sleigh with him and we took off.

We flew to Alaska, to China, and Africa, all the way around the world to give gifts to boys and girls.

We finally landed at the North pole. The town was huge and bright. There were little elves running around.

There were big log homes surrounding ... Santa's workshop. I was amazed.

I walked with Santa down a slippery trail to the first building. It was the reindeer den. It looked like a big, huge barn. There were nine little reindeer in their warm stables. There were little fawns jumping about beside their parents. Next, we visited Mrs. Claus's big kitchen. There were stoves and freezers everywhere. It smelled so good in there!

Finally we were standing in front of Santa's workshop. It was really tall, like the Eiffel Tower at my home.

It was so bright I could hardly see! We walked in and saw in all petit elves running around. There were trains racing around and bangs and booms and smack! It was very loud. Santa called me over to a room and we walked in the room.

There in the room was a box. Santa looked at me and said, "this is yours. I could not give it to you because it was a late gift. So I'm giving it to you now." I walked over to the box and opened it. To my surprise, there were nine small kittens meowing and meowing. I picked up the box and set it on a table and started to play with them. Bung! Bung! Oh no, it was already two o'clock in the morning. I got up and picked up the box and looked at Santa. He said "You must go now. It's very late and you must be tired." I shook my head, then poof! I disappeared.

I landed in my living room. I saw that there were presents under the tree and goodies in the stockings. I still had the box in my hands. I let the kittens out of the box. The kittens started to jump on me because they were so hungry! I walked over to my kitchen and opened the fridge. I gave them some milk because they were very small. I brought the kittens up to my room. I figured out that there were five girls and four boys.

In the morning, I looked at the clock and it was ten o'clock. I jumped up and saw that the kittens were gone. I started to run down the stairs and there were the kittens playing with the wrapped gifts. I counted all the kittens. There were nine. I ran back up stairs and woke up the family. We went back down stairs and opened our gifts under the Christmas tree. I loved my gifts!

After, my family and I had some eggs and bacon and pancakes. My cats had some milk.

Merry Christmas

Andrew Carmount 5A



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Cookies
Holiday
Reindeer
Ice
Santa
Tree
Milk
Angel
Sleigh

Dawson MacDuff 5A



My family at Christmas

My family at Christmas:
Open presents
Eat breakfast
Have pancakes
Go to Gramma's and open
presents
Eat lunch with family
Go to our Christmas party
Go tobogganing

Sara Bull 5A

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Red nose
Unique
Different
Only one
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Polite
Helpful

Jesse Davis 5A

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Red nose
Under the tree
Deer
Ornaments
Light
Presents
Humour

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Cookies
Hot Chocolate
Reindeer
Igloos
Santa
Toys
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Snow

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Noisy
Crazy
Horrible

Ryan Prentice 5A

CHRISTMAS

Cookies
Hot Chocolate
Reindeer
Igloo
Santa
TV Christmas Shows
Mrs. Claus
A toy
Snow

Connor McAlister 5A

CHRISTMAS

Christmas
Holiday
Rudolph
Ice
Snow
Tree
Mrs. Claus
Angel
Sled

Sky Miscio 5A

CHRISTMAS

Cookies
Holiday
Reindeer
Ice
Santa
Tree
Milk
Awesome
Snow

Alex Kim 5A

CHRISTMAS POEM

Come soon
Home
Reindeer
Ice Santa
Trees
Moon
Awesome
Sled
Presents
Old
Elves
Meat

Shelby Stephenson 5A

CHRISTMAS

Christmas
Holiday
Rudolph
Ice
Snow
Tree
Mrs. Claus
Angel
Sled



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Dear Santa Claus

Please can I have a stuffed elephant. Are you good?

From Makenzie

To Santa Claus

Can I please have a bunny?
I love you.

Love Fallon

Dear Santa Claus

I love you. Please can I have a DS? How are the elves?

Love Cheyenne

To Santa

I love you! Please bring me a colouring book. Thank you.

Destiny

To Santa

I love you! Will you fly about your sleigh over my house? Please bring me a dolly.

Thank you Pankti

To Santa Claus

How fast do your reindeer go? Please can I have a box of monster trucks full of dirt?

From Peyton Bunn

Dear Santa Claus

Please can you buy me Mario Cards? How do you fly?

Love Kaelem

To Santa

I really like toys. Can you please bring me a race car?

Love Talus

To Santa

Please bring me a pony set.

Love Macy

To Santa

Please ask the elves to make me Stinky the Garbage Truck and a batman cave.

Love Johnny

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Can I please have a truck with
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From Jamie

To Santa Claus
Can I please have a video
camera? How do your rein-
deer fly?
Love Tobi

To Santa
Can I please have a remote
control helicopter? Do your
reindeer fly from magic?
From Seth

To Santa
Can I please have a base-
ball bat. How do your rein-
deer fly?
Love Damon

To Santa
How do your reindeer fly?
Can I please have a Dora doll.
Love Sofie

To Santa
How do your reindeer fly?
Can I please get a toy sled.
From Nathan

To Santa
I would like some presents
please! I would like a game for
my DS for my friend Zander
How do you fly with your
reindeers in the dark?
Love Gage

Dear Santa Claus
Do you have pets? Please
bring me a make up set.
Thank you.
Love Georgia

Dear Santa
How do your elves make
the candy canes? How are
the reindeer? Can you please
bring me stinky the Garbage
Truck? Thank you.
Love Hannah

To Santa
Can I please have some toy
gold to play with. How are
you?
Love Calvin

To Santa Claus
Hi! What kind of cookies do
you like? Do you like to ride
your sleigh? Can you please
bring me candy cane?
From Emily

To Santa
My mom said that I have
been a good girl. Can you
please bring me presents?
Love Melanie

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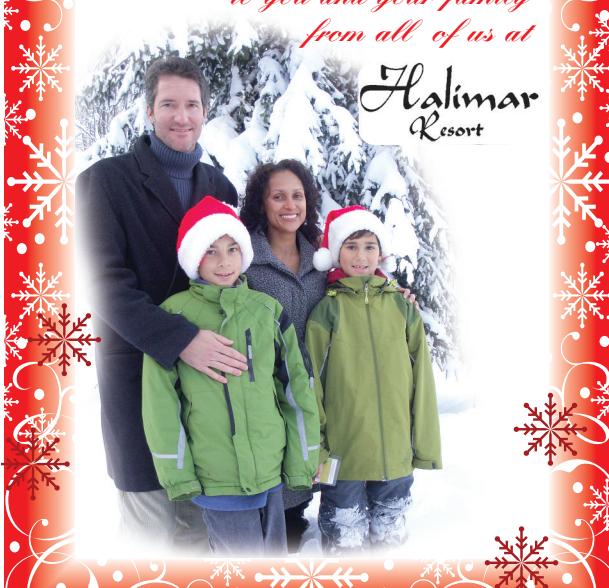
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World Peace Grade 7

I think world peace is quiet, calm, and gentle. When it is quiet, you can hear a pin drop. No one is talking or being obnoxious. Being calm is when you are sitting on a porch reading a good book or observing something like a flower. Gentle is when no one is fighting or yelling at one another. Peace is when there are no wars or violence. World peace is also when you treat others with respect. This is what I think world peace is.

By Leanne Lingner 7A

My view of peace on Earth is the world having no wars and that everyone would get along with each other and there would be no fighting. Also everyone would be kind to each other every day and all day. Kids could go to school and know that they will not be bullied by other kids because there would be peace on Earth. That is what I think of peace on Earth.

By Nick Scharl

Peace on Earth means that everyone is enjoying themselves and having fun. Also peace sounds like people laughing and not being scared of anything. If you were to see what peace is then you would see kids playing with each other and having a great time with all their friends. Peace is important to everyone in the world.

By Courtney Wessell

My version of world peace is that there is no violence and being kind to others and also not worrying about things. There is no fighting at school and everyone gets along. No one is getting judged on how they look. No more bad people or criminals in the world and no more wars!

By Austin Beer 7A

First of all peace to me is determination, trust and compassion. Determination is a person who is brave enough to do things that he wants to do for his friends and family. Trustfulness is when a person gives you a thing that he loves and he does not want you to lose it. I also see trustfulness when it



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makes you a good friend and it makes you feel careful. Compassion sounds good to me by showing you care thoughtfully for others' problems. Compassion also means that you make people feel nice about themselves. But the most important thing about peace is being nice.

By Noah Dollo

My version of world peace is that there is no war going on anywhere in the world. World peace means to me that everyone is excited that there is freedom for others around the world and the family is together again at home. Everyone remembers the soldiers that were fighting for our freedom and won. There

is peace, happiness and many other feelings around where you live. World peace is what is inside you and is going on around you.

By Tory Francis 7A

I think world peace would mean everyone being good at something that they like and everybody getting along by finding out what's different about each other! Then thinking of those differences being unique things about each other! It could also be kids laughing and everyone enjoying their life and being thankful of what they have! It also means no war or greed. The last thing that I think peace stands for is friendship and happiness!

By Tyson Shelly

Peace on Earth means to me that there will be no wars. People wouldn't be suffering on streets and going hungry. Everyone would be nice to each other. Jail cells would be empty because there would be no criminals to go in those cells. No one would suffer, everyone would be happy, nobody would go hungry and that's what peace on earth means to me.

By Rheyia Barager

What I think about peace is people being nice to each other in the entire world. Also people should grow and teach others to be nice. I think peace helps the world grow by being nice to each other. It shows people you understand by holding doors or by showing respect!

By Josh Rowden

World peace is quiet. Peace is very nice to me. World peace is no fighting all over the world. Peace equals no police because there would be no violence. No negative attitudes, only positive attitudes. World peace is quiet.

By Nathan Newbatt

World peace is love, happiness, friendships, trust and peace around the world. World peace is everyone holding two fingers into the air and yelling "Peace on Earth"! World peace is friends holding hands with their enemies. World peace is no wars, no fighting, and tears, only lots of happy tears. World peace is positive attitude, time outs and history and police are not needed. World peace is all the feelings of greatness mixed together into one.

By Ariel Weiss

Peace on Earth means to be nice to everyone and treat people the way that you would love to be treated. You help your

community to get things done and make the town wonderful. Remember the soldiers that are fighting for us to make our country free. That is what I think of peace on Earth.

By Brittany Hewitt

To me peace means balance and harmony with oneself and others. To be peaceful is to be relaxed and physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Peace is a silver pond full of elegant Swans who sing softly to each other. World peace is those Swans coexisting with humans with no harm coming to either species. World peace is learning to live with yourself from earth and its inhabitants. World peace is being friends with not only your own face but with all who live on this planet. To me world peace is living in harmony with all of Mother Earth's beings, big or small, black or white, cute or ugly. We must be balanced with all. Look through a black cat's eyes. These precious creatures of Earth are frowned upon because they are believed to bring bad luck to all who sight it, but it's what's behind the fur that counts and behind that black fur is a normal cat.

By Breanna Hie

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I think World Peace is where there's no war. Everything is peaceful and happy. There's no fighting and no violence. When two or more people can come together where there's no violence or any fighting they will be one and at once.

By Amber Docherty

I think World Peace means to have peace and quiet all over the world. I also think it means to be kind and loving. An example of World Peace is sitting beside your husband by the lake when the sun goes down, or by taking a walk on the beach. When you see World Peace you should see people being nice or helping an elderly person across the street. To me this sounds like World Peace. All in all I think World Peace means to be kind, quiet, and loving by taking a walk on the beach or by helping an elderly person across the street.

By Amy Freeman 7A



no wars, no fighting, and no hurting other people.

By Conor Barry

Peace is when there are no wars and everybody gets along and doesn't fight or bully or hurt other people. Peace will happen when people stop wars and all the hate and fighting in the world. The hippies believed that peace would happen if everyone got together and stopped wars for good, so that we can keep peace on earth forever and ever. Peace is

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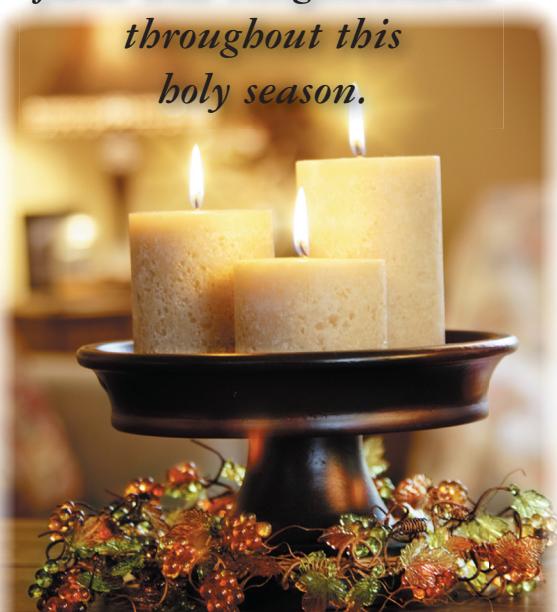
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A life of learning and evolution

Carolynn Coburn was born in Toronto in 1947, and she is directly tied to the notable history of the Highlands by way of her father Lorne, who bought the Minden Drug Store from Agnes Jamieison, Sylvia Howard and Olga Myles in 1949.

Coburn's mother Grace was a professional contralto soloist who became the choir director for St. Paul's Anglican and the Minden United churches.

Carolynn Coburn attended Minden Public School and the high school. After two years at the high school she entered the Ontario Ladies College in Whitby, which prepared her for university. In 1969 she graduated with honours in botany and zoology from the University of Toronto.

"But on reflection I realized that I was more of a generalist than a specialist, and decided not to go to graduate school, because I wanted a wider focus," states Coburn. She quickly became involved in big social issues like burgeoning populations, and she also dealt with local Toronto issues. She successfully fought, with many others, against the building of the Spadina Expressway in Toronto, which would have cut through the heart of the city.

Still seeking to define herself professionally Coburn worked for a year at the School of Library Sciences at U of T, while also working occasionally as a substitute teacher. Teaching led to a fulltime return to U of T, and an eventual Bachelor of Education degree in 1971.

In 1972, Coburn married and moved to Norwich, England where she taught math and sciences. "During that period of my life I was basically following my husband, who was a chemist," says Coburn, "and after Norwich we moved to Montreal, where I worked at McGill University as a research assistant in the biology department until 1978."

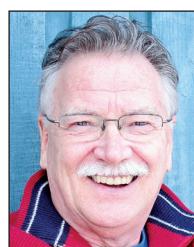


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Interesting People

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Coburn followed her husband back to Canada; this time Mississauga, where she continued her work as a research assistant for 11 years. The marriage dissolved in 1988.

Moving forward and refocusing, Coburn applied to law school and graduated, (again from U of T), in 1991. She articled in Mississauga and was called to the bar in 1996. It was decision time once more, and "I decided that I wanted to come back to where I grew up," she said. "For me, living in a small community is where I'm happiest. People are more likely to treat each other better when they see each other more often."

She set up practice in Minden in '96. Coburn specializes in wills and estates, and also does some work in the criminal court system for Legal Aid Ontario. In 1997, Coburn met her soulmate Eric Lilius, and the couple reside in West Guilford.

Having found her niche professionally Coburn did not forget her commitments to environmental and social issues, and she's been very active locally. In 1998 she started and chaired the county advisory committee for the environment, which led to Environment Haliburton. She was a founding director of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, and has been a volunteer/facilitator

for the youth justice circles. She advocated, with Fay Martin, to get a community clinic for Haliburton County to serve people on low incomes, and Coburn is also active as a member of the Minden United Church.

In Haliburton County a strong core of people are very concerned with how we treat the environment and each other. Carolynn Coburn is one of those people. "I feel content living here and I'm grateful for the support of the community, yet I'm still concerned about the global environmental challenges, the growing gaps between people, and the general lack of sympathy for those who are less fortunate."

Coburn also believes that nowadays many

people are too quick to react to certain situations. She thinks that they need to take time to reflect. Reflection, and a bit of soul searching before physical action, she says, can lead to "an essence, a universal consciousness in everybody that is more than just the physical."

It's a philosophy that has been evolving with Coburn her whole adult life, and it helps to define her. "I feel I'm still evolving, and learning," she says. And while she realizes that maybe she doesn't have the wherewithal to influence the big picture, she feels that "we have to search for our own ways to build, [on the philosophy]. The only control I have is how I feel and what I do."

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday January 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-069/08
Applicant: 751847 ONTARIO LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 8 & 9, Concessions 11 & 12, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
2. File No. H-070/08, H-120/10 & H-122/10
Applicant: Elmar & Doreen HODSOLL
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 10, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
3. File No. H-071/08 & H-121/10
Applicant: Doreen HODSOLL
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 10, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
4. File No. H-072/08
Applicant: Kenneth & Nancy BAILEY
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 10, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
5. File No. H-119/10
Applicant: Francesco RICCELLI & Giuseppe GIORDANO
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 13, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
6. File No. H-125/10
Applicant: 1571398 ONTARIO LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 10, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 22nd day of December, 2010

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Skaters from the Minden club participated in a competition in Little Britain on Dec. 11. From left, Ruthie Parker – seventh in intermediate elements, sixth in freeskate; Trista Greer – eighth in freeskate; Grace Kim – sixth in junior elements, seventh in freeskate; Alexis Mills – first in junior elements, seventh in freeskate; Skye Misco – third in intermediate elements, sixth in freeskate; Brooke Sisson – fifth in intermediate elements, sixth in freeskate; Madison Allaire – seventh in freeskate. If anyone would like to register for the second half of the season they should come out January 10 to 12 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the arena and for more information contact Nikki at 286-2649. /Photo submitted



Minden skaters brought back the hardware after a competition in Port Carling Dec. 4. From left, Jillian Mayhew - first in senior bronze spins, third in junior bronze freeskate, fourth in junior bronze element and fourth in junior bronze spins; Shae MacNaull - fifth in preliminary ladies, fifth in preliminary spins, fifth in preliminary elements; Larissa Stephenson - first in introductory B ladies, third in pre-preliminary spins and fourth in introductory elements. /Photo submitted

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Canada finished third in the medal totals including a record breaking 14 gold. As we all well know, prior to Vancouver, Canada was the only nation never to win gold at home, a dubious distinction that took place twice (Montreal in 1976 and Calgary in 1988). Our athletes' courage made us all proud and the great games finished with that famous "golden goal" scored by Sidney Crosby in overtime of the men's hockey final. People took to the streets in towns and cities waving Canadian flags and showing millions that Canada is truly a leader on the world stage.

Despite the tough economic times we are facing, Canada is holding our own better than any other developed nation. In fact, I believe that our government's Economic Action Plan and infrastructure programs deserve much of the credit.

As we approach Christmas, hundreds of volunteers in communities across this riding once again provide a selfless and generous commitment to those less fortunate. I'm proud of the great example shown by those who bond together through food banks, toy drives and other events.

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Darren Lum Times staff

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Woman on Wheels

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This year, along with my usual New Year's resolutions to get fit and watch less television, I'm going to take a good, long look at my driving habits.

First, I resolve to stop playing fast and loose with my cellphone.

I, of all people, should know better. I have read the research, interviewed the psychologists, and I know full well that it's not the handset that's the problem, per se; it's having a phone conversation, period.

It's easy for me to make use of Bluetooth technology. It's a simple matter of pairing a phone, then hitting a button and telling the magic lady in the dashboard to "dial Dad."

Yet, still, I will sneakily check a text message when I'm stuck in traffic — I have even been known to jot a quick response if things are really moving slowly.

I am such a hypocrite; I will actually check a text, and then shoot a dirty look at the next person I see yapping on their hand-held.

Shameless! It's time I stopped telling myself it's OK if I do it (i.e. not you) because I have considerable advanced driving training, am aware of the research, am an exception to the rule. I am not.

I resolve to turn off my text alert, leave my phone in my purse and, no matter how bored I get with the radio, stop

using the telephone as a time-killing boredom-reliever.

Second, I resolve to slow down. The fuel economy I get out of test cars is higher combined than the vehicle's city rating, almost every time.

Not only do I spend more on gas, I'm not exactly being kind to the planet, am I? And I'm also making my vehicle harder to control should something bad happen.

Third, I resolve to stop treating my Grand Caravan like a giant purse with wheels.

I started out well intentioned. Put a tarp in the back to keep the dog hair off; organized my CDs, baby wipes, umbrella and emergency blanket into nifty plastic totes; bought a pop-up garbage container thingy.

Now, the tarp is rucked to one side, there's more hair on the upholstery than there is on the dog, the nifty containers runneth over and the map pocket is full of used Kleenex.

Finally, I resolve to be grateful. What an amazing time we live in.

I drive a beautiful new car every week and use technology like adaptive cruise control, multi-stage airbags and ABS with barely a thought; I punch a button and call up a map that will not only tell me how to get where I'm going but will also tell me where to get a slice of pizza or a coffee; and, I punch another button or two and listen to whatever I need to get through the day, whether it's '80s hits, Cosmo radio or Maya Angelou.

Thank you, powers that be, for a wondrous world.

For more auto news go to www.autonet.ca.

Heading onward with resolve

Dorset museum calendar would make great gift



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

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On Thursday, Dec. 16 a group of Dorset ladies got together for an old-fashioned Christmas cookie exchange. Thanks to Lorraine Cyopick for getting everyone organized and for providing the refreshments.

Each guest baked, wrapped in special holiday fashion and exchanged dozens of cookies. They also brought an extra dozen to share and try at the get together.

The cookies were amazing and types included different kinds of shortbread, chocolate thumbprints, secret spice cookies (the secret was ketchup - sounds icky but they are delicious!), peanut butter cup cookies, toffee thumbprint cookies, chipit cookies, krispy krunch bars, molasses cookies, cookie crunchies and Nanaimo bars.

What a great way to receive such a variety of cookies to enjoy over Christmas while having to shop for ingredients and bake only one kind. I'm looking forward to next year and already thinking about a recipe. If you are interested in any of the recipes, let me know and I will get you a copy.

If you are still looking for a last minute Christmas gift, don't forget the Dorset Heritage Museum 2011 Calendars

or one of the many books the Museum has available to purchase. Books include *Heritage Cooking, A Collection of Recipes from a Lifetime of Cooking* by Jennie McLennan, *The Gilmour Tramway, A Lumber Barons Desparate Scheme; When Giants Fall; The Gilmour Quest and Algonquin Pine* by Gary Long, Randy Whiteman and Meanderings; *The Good Old Days* by Lois Field Marrow.

All these gifts are available by calling and leaving a message at the museum at 766-0323 or by emailing dhm@muskoka.com. Get yours before it's too late!

The Dorset Recreation Centre and Algonquin Highlands municipal offices will be closing at noon on Friday, Dec. 24 and will be reopening for regular hours on Monday, Jan. 3.

The Dorset Book Club is meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at the Dorset Library at 1 p.m. All are welcome and a library card is not required. For more information, call the library at 766-9969.

Something new in Dorset! There will be a ladies night at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Jan. 5 starting at 7 p.m. and all ladies are welcome. The theme for the evening is "spa night" and will include learning how to make an avocado mask and facial, yoga demonstration with Allie Chisholm Smith of Ahimsa, massage demonstration with Jocelyn Smith of Ahimsa, light refreshments and more. The cost to participate is \$5 per person. Please call the recreation centre at 766-9968 to sign up or for more information.

Birthday wishes for the week of Dec. 19 to 25 go out to Karen Knutt, Olga Cunningham and Jim Jones. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

And, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and good wishes for all the best in 2011.

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



Red Hawks' Duchene wins it for Lady Hawks 'hawkey' team

The following HHSS sports briefs were compiled by Judi Paul's class.

Dec. 10 and 11

The Red Hawk boys' curling team of Jesse, Owen, Mike and Shawn competed at the Gore Mutual Schoolboy Competition where they won the B finals and advanced to the regionals in February.

The Red Hawk girls' curling team competed at the Gore Mutual Schoolgirl Competition where they played three hard-fought games and lost to Thomas A. Stewart in Game 3.

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Remembering the story of Christmas



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Happy Birthday Alyssa Stiver! Alyssa is turning 11 Dec. 22 and I don't know where all the time went! She is or almost is taller than me which isn't hard since I am one of those short people that have always felt taller.

We gave Alyssa an early birthday party so we didn't have to say this is your birthday present and these are your Christmas.

Happy Birthday and lots of love from your nonna and poppa!

Here we are - another Christmas coming and it will soon be gone! In our family we don't exchange gifts as much as we used to. It was just too hard to pick out gifts that they would either need or want. However, children always get gifts.

When we were growing up, our traditional Christmas always included my Pop's work socks (clean ones) hung up and filled with fruit and always a lump of coal. This coal was always included even if we were perfect well-behaved children. It always evoked deep thought on why? I guess this was their insurance for the new year.

We did also get a gift each, usually pajamas. It was okay, there weren't any deep groans, we didn't know about our Canadian friends getting oodles of toys. My family was on the poor side and this was the best they could do and it always seemed Santa did not know about us Italian kids.

With this in mind I came across an old Italian tradition that I have always found interesting. There are many other ethnic traditions but this is the one I know. Send me yours!

Anyways, in Italy, "La Befana" is one of their oldest and

most celebrated legends. Every Jan. 6 the children of Italy awake in hopes that La Befana paid them a visit. Jan. 6 marks the end of the Christmas season and the day that the three wise men arrived at the manger of the Christ Child.

Here's how the story goes: the three Wise Men were in search of the Christ child when they decided to stop at a small house to ask for directions. Upon knocking, an old woman holding a broom opened the door slightly to see who it may be. Observing three colourfully dressed men she was naturally suspicious, especially when they were looking for directions to find the Christ child.

She had no idea on which direction to guide them and told them so and as they were leaving they asked her to join them and she declined because she had too much housework to do. (How many missed opportunities because of housework?) Anyways, after they left she realized her mistake and went looking for them and couldn't find them. Thinking of this opportunity she had missed the old woman stopped every child to give them a small treat in hopes that one might be the Christ child. This happened every year on the eve of the Epiphany. She stops at every child's house and leaves treats in the stockings of the good children and a lump of coal to those who were bad.

There's also another version that La Befana was a mother to a son who lived in King Herod's day. Herod, as we remember from the bible, decreed that each male child born was to be killed because one of them could be the new king. La Befana was so heartbroken and distraught that her son was murdered that she didn't really believe he was killed and searched for him throughout the countryside carrying all of his things in a sack.

She aged with worry, face wrinkled, hair went gray and she grew to look like an old, haggard lady which is why she was also known as an ugly witch. She finally found a male baby in a manger and laid out her son's belongings at the baby's feet. The baby was indeed Jesus Christ and he blessed the lady as "Befana" - the giver of gifts. Thereaf-

ter, every year on the eve of the Epiphany she would be the mother to all of the world's children and care for them by bringing them treats.

There are other versions to this story, true or false, stories are always good for the soul!

However, throughout the years, Dec. 25 is becoming more like the Christmas we recognize here except that Santa Claus is known as Babbo Natale. He is skinnier version of what we are used to and wears a red cape detailed with white fur trim. Babbo Natale visits the children Christmas Eve with his reindeer ethnically named Cometa, Ballerina, Fulmine, Donnola, Freccia, Saltarello, Donata and Cupido. Italy has both Babbo Natale and La Befano each Christmas - boy those kids are lucky!

There you have it! Now for something a little more serious to think about as we dig into another long, cold winter, I would like to ask all of you to watch out and protect our animal friends. If you have to keep your dog outside, please, please make sure that there is warm bedding, a warm shelter and food that isn't frozen.

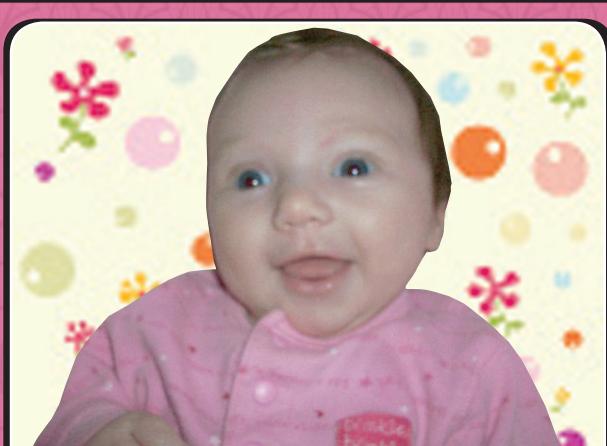
None of us would like to be outside in these conditions and shouldn't expect them to either. Please show compassion, they are not just animals but part of all creation and they rely on us to have a heart and do what's right.

Have a great week and a very Merry Christmas!



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Jayla Madison Marchand

She was born on Thursday September 23,
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★ Bonus! ★

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New after-school craft program starts up



Patti Fleury

Around the Town

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Bruce is an early riser but this morning was really over the top with the big, lighted numbers projected overhead from the bedside clock radio reading 3:16 am. Fearing severe digestive malfunctions or worse his reply to my muffled enquiry was reassuring. Bruce and yellow lab Taffy had simply ventured outside to see the lunar eclipse knowing that it had not been aligned with the Winter Solstice since 1638 and will wait to repeat another four hundred years. Winter officially arrived yesterday Dec. 21 at 6:38 p.m. and so far appears to be "just like the ones we used to know."

From the Kinmount Public Library a reminder that the branch will be closed on both Christmas and New Year's Day with regular hours remaining the same over the holidays (Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Story time will be changing to Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. as of Jan. 4 and a new after-school craft program will begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 18 then continue one Tuesday each month. It will be suitable for all ages and donations of any recyclable craft items would be most welcome. Later that month Family Literacy Day will be celebrated at the branch on Thursday, Jan. 27 with two family literacy hours at 11:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Kinmount United Church will hold an adult Christmas Eve communion service on Friday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Desmond Howard. The church much appreciates the generous donation from the Galway Hall firefighters to its fund to assist local families who find themselves in emergency situations.

Plan to ring in the New Year at the Kinmount Legion branch 441's dance on Friday, Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. with DJ Paul Wilson. Tickets are \$15 per person which includes a hot/cold buffet and party favours with advance tickets available by calling 488-2819 or the branch at 488-3462. On New Year's Day branch president Mary Lou Ferguson will host the annual president's levy from 2 to 7 p.m. and everyone, members and non-members alike, is invited to drop by and visit for awhile.

Registration continues for the upcoming Kinmount Knights hockey season at the Freshmart store on Main Street. If natural ice conditions at the arena permit the plan is to start on Sunday, Jan. 2. Open to both boys and girls the fee is \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child in the family. Please note that the wearing of both helmets and neck guards is mandatory. Donations of good used hockey equipment to the Knights would be welcome. For more details on the schedule check out www.kinmount.ca.

Christmas Day is almost here and, as with everyone, brings back many memories. For Bruce and I the arrival of our first child David early Christmas morning 1962 was particularly special. We continue to delight in his softer side as he traditionally sniffs through the Jimmy Stewart classic *It's A Wonderful Life* every year. We still chuckle over the concerned call from daughter Megan's kindergarten teacher to report that Miss Meg had shared with the class how her brother was born on Christmas morning and her parents got married two days later on Dec. 27. Unfortunately she neglected to mention the four-year interval between these two blessed events. So from the old farmhouse to you and yours best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a New Year full of promise.

Until next week...

Coming Events



New Year's Eve at the Red Umbrella Inn!

Join Us For The Party Of The Year!
We've Got the Ya Baby's Performing Live and Rick Lowes from MOOSE FM will be Live to Air All Night!

Included with all Packages:

- The Ya Baby's Show start time...9:30pm
- Dinner Times...Call the Red Umbrella Inn For details, limited seating available
- Free Shuttle Service (some conditions may apply)
- Free late night Middle Eastern Tapas Buffet
- Free Champagne at Midnight (not included with just dinner)
- Tickets can be purchased at PharmaSave (Minden), Henwoods (Haliburton), The Hair Lounge (Carnarvon) and Red Umbrella Inn

Ticket Prices:

- \$45. per person (just dinner)
- \$40. per person (just show) or \$70. per couple
- \$75. per person (dinner and show)

Please join us at the Red Umbrella Inn, for Best Practices Seminar with John Rae
10:00 am Wednesday, December 29th, 2010
Please RSVP by December 23rd to larrymclarke@sympatico.ca or contact the Red Umbrella Inn at
705 489-2462 Cost \$20
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community calendar



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What's happening in the County

- **Bereavement Group** : Minden United Church offers help to anyone who has suffered a recent loss and feels overwhelmed or helpless and alone. If this is you or if you know someone in need of help please call Donna at 286-1237 or Nancy at 286-1305.
 - **Zechariah 4:6 Ministries Inc./ Jericho Centre** will be holding a charitable fundraiser, wrapping Christmas gifts at V&S Haliburton in the front entrance every Friday 11am - 7pm and Saturday 10am - 5:00pm in December from Dec. 3 until the 24. Come and help us as we help you.
 - **Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes Health and Support Services** is currently recruiting volunteers to assist in the Adult Day Program in the following areas: Bobcaygeon, Fenloren Falls, Omemee, and Burnt River. Volunteers assist staff with programs for socially isolated seniors and people with special needs such as physical or developmental disabilities. Social, recreational and physical Activities are offered in caring, friendly, safe environments. Training Provided. Contact Eileen MacCormack for further information 705-324-7323 x 274 or emaccormack@community-care.on.ca.
 - **Ladies Night at the Dorest Recreational Center**. Ladies, join in for an evening of fun at this new monthly activity (to take place the 1st Wednesday of the month) The inaugural Ladies Night starting at 7pm on January 5 has a theme of "Spa Night". The cost is \$5 per person and all ladies are welcome. Call the Rec Center to sign up.
 - **December 19th & 26th : Allsw Church Christmas Concert**. Starts at 7pm and refreshments served after.
 - **December 29th : Red Umbrella Inn ~ Tourism Planning Best Practices** ~ Guest speaker John Rae from Whistler – Please RSVP by December 23rd to larrymclarke@sympatico.ca or contact Red Umbrella Inn at 705-489-2462. Cost is \$20 which includes opening coffee/pastries and Buffet Lunch. Presented in association with: County of Haliburton Economic Development, Tourism and Marketing.
 - **December 29th : "Dancing to the Music of the Golden Slipper Era" with the Golden Slipper Live Band**. Wednesday December 29th at 1:30 pm at the Maple Lake Church. Price is \$10 (No Alcohol)
- Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to cthorn@mindentimes.ca or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to cthorn@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Bantam girls rebound with three wins

The Minden Car Quest Bantam C girls rebounded this weekend snapping a two-game losing streak. The team's winning weekend consisted of three wins on the road; a double-header on Sat afternoon in Port Hope and then Saturday night in Cold Creek.

The weekend play wrapped up Sunday afternoon with the tail-end of the home-and-home with Port Hope. Our league record now stands at 14-2-2 and sitting in second place.

In game one, the girls escaped with a 1-0 win against Port Hope. Their flat performance almost cost them another loss but Erin Little scored the games only goal off a breakaway pass from Kelsy Maracle started by Jamie Little's break out.

In Game 2, McKinnon Casey started the scoring in Cold Creek. Nicole Black scored from a great feed from Alex Litwin off a near hat-trick miss. Alex stayed with the play passing to Nicole in the slot. Alex picked up the helper to go with her two-goal performance with the first being the game winner. Great rebound effort girls. Final score 4-0.

The third game of the weekend was a rematch with Port Hope.

The girls carried an aggressive edge into the game and never looked back. Maddie Billings pulled the trigger on a beauty wrister from the point to open the scoring. Sydne Feir had a two-goal night including the game winner. All defence - Maddie Billings, Maddie Allore, Jamie Little and Kenndal Marsden hit the score sheet. Connor Marsden had a hat trick of her own; three shut outs for the weekend (11 for the season) stopped at 1:42 left in the third period. Awesome weekend Storm girls.

No more home games for our league play but stay sharp girls as we finish our season with 4 road trip games ... heading into our "being bumped to B" provincial play-downs.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Novice team racks up points

The Peppermill Highland Storm Novice A Team continues to rack up points in the Parry Sound Muskoka League standings.

The team sits alone atop their division having only lost a single league game this year.

Playing three games this weekend the Highland Storm came back three times on road on Friday night to tie Huntsville 3-3, soundly defeated Gravenhurst 15-2 at home on Saturday and defeated Bracebridge 2-0 on Sunday.

Every Storm player contributed to the scoring outburst. In what might be a first in Novice competition, all 12 players were on the score sheet in the weekend tilts.

The Storm team has been getting superb goaltending from Nigel Smith who has emerged as the best goaltender in the league.

Defensemen James Alexander, Ethan Glecoff and Ryan Hall with the assistance of swingman Isaac Little have kept the goals against to a league leading 28 goals against in 14 games.

Ethan's puck sense and ability to track down opposing players is a great tandem for defence partner James Alexander who had been Mr. reliable all year long while Ryan has been the steadiest player on the ice game in and game out.

All four Storm defenders are tenacious; their aggressive play have kept the opposing teams on their heels and allowed the offense to move in to high gear averaging just over five goals per game.

Forchecking wingers Mikki Bukta and Paul Turner have worked the corners with diligence doing the dirty work alongside the board to set up their teammates and chipping in their share of goals and assists.

Rookies Alex Little, Tyson Clements and Joe Boice have been very impressive. Joe adds toughness to the team and drives hard to the net. Tyson's magic hands have led to a number of highlight real goals. Alex has become the team's "hound dog" at both ends of the rink, scoring timely goals against the toughest teams.

Smooth skating Isaac Little, in his first year of competi-

tive hockey, has emerged as a versatile player, playing both forward and defence and demonstrating leadership both on and off the ice.

Zach Morissette and Benn MacNaull have led the scoring attack this season. Zach's speed and Benn's nifty moves and hard shot have enabled them to find the back of the twine on a regular basis.

The team has four league games left before playoffs and will have to continue to work hard and improve in the weeks ahead.

Tournament Play

The Peppermill Novice Storm team has played in four tournaments this year advancing to the finals in two tournaments and the semi finals in their other two tournaments.

The team faced tough competition in the Silverstick losing their first match to Oro 3-1 but advanced to the semi-final with a 2-2 tie against a tough Elmvale team.

The Storm was eliminated in the semi-final by a Twin Center losing by a 3-0 score. In their last tournament the Storm advanced to the B Final in the Campbellford Tournament by virtue of a 5-0 victory over Loyalist and a 3-2 loss to Wasaga Beach.

In the B Final the team lost a tough 1-0 overtime game against Norwood. Goaltender Nigel Smith was a very deserving MVP in this final tournament game. All tournament games have been a great learning experience as the boys are learning what it takes to compete against calibre teams from all parts of the province.

Submitted by Paul Morissette

Bantam AE victorious over Mustangs

A big crowd turned out on a snowy night in Minden to see the Bantam AE Highland Storm take on the Manvers Mustangs.

They were treated to a hotly contested match between the two teams. Stuart Searle got the game off to a raucous start with a devastating open ice body check on one of the Mustangs.

Braden Roberts opened the scoring with a wrap around at 9:30 of the second period.

Hunter Bishop followed with another goal a minute and a half later as he won the face off in the Manvers zone, moved in on the goalie, and then beat him with a quick shot to the top corner.

The chippy play by both teams resulted in a constant flow to the penalty box.

Manvers scored late in the second period on a power play to ensure a tense final 15 minutes.

The third period did not disappoint and was a rough and tumble affair with numerous scrums and much chirping back and forth.

Tyler Casey finished the Mustangs off as he scored from the slot on a nice set-up from Bishop.

The Storm finished the game with a 3-1 victory.

The Bantams faced the Sunderland Wings on Sunday and brought out their A game.

Despite intense pressure by the Storm the first period ended with no scoring. Hunter Bishop scored the first goal at 10:50 of the second to give the Storm the lead.

In the final five minutes of the period they struck for four more goals.

They then scored six in the third to finish with an 11-0 victory. Bishop led the way with an amazing seven goal performance. Singles went to Mac Monk-Cray, Braden Roberts, Curtis Esson, and Stuart Searle. Logan Churko recorded the shutout with a stand out performance from the defensive corps of Loic Muli, Connor Gadway, Angus Sullivan, and Stuart Searle.

The Storms record to date is six wins, three loses, and three ties.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan

Peewees shut out Thunder

Randy's Tree Care and Landscaping Peewee AE's had only one home game this weekend.

It was in Haliburton on Saturday, Dec. 18 against the Port Carling Thunder.

It was a tough game for the Thunder as they could not seem to get it together and spent most of the time in their own end, even when the Storm was short-handed.

The result of the game was a 14-0 win for the Storm. A shut out for goalie Parker Smolen and a hat-trick plus two goals for Alex Wilbee. Other goals go to Max MacNaull (2), Jake Bull (2), Regan Casey (2), Greg Crofts, Mac Rider, and John Morrison. Assists go to Regan Casey (3), Greg Crofts (2), Josh Rowden (3), Tim Burgess, Mitch Billings (3), Mac Rider (3), Alex Wilbee (2), and Jake Bull (2). The Storm only have two more games before the end of the regular season, Tuesday, Jan. 4 in Minden at 7:30 p.m. against Huntsville and Saturday, Jan. 8 in Minden at 2 p.m. against Bracebridge. Playoffs begin about mid January.

The all-star game was played in Port Carling on Sunday, Dec. 19, two of our players attended Max MacNaull and Ethan Cooper.

Two players are chosen by the bench to represent each team, only the goalies from the "A" team go, as there can only be one goalie to represent a division i.e. Atom, Pee-wee etc.

At the writing of this article I do not know the outcome of the all-star game.

Thank you to Matthew Burgess, Pat Casey, Ed Smolen and Larry Hartin for their help this weekend.

Randy's Tree Care and Landscaping Highland Storm Peewee AE's would like to thank all their supporters, families and friends and wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year's Eve!

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Tykes battle Sturgeon Lake

Sunday, Dec. 19, the Highland Storm Tyke team played against the Sturgeon Lake Novice AE team. Great goal scored by Joe Boice, put us on the scoreboard in the first. They answered with a goal.

With a battle Joe Boice answered with another goal. Playing hard the team lost 8-2.

Congratulations to Dylan, Tim, Joe, Cole, Billy, Jake, Simon, Jaylon, Brenden, Tyler, Sterling, Aaron (I hope I didn't miss anyone) for playing a great game!

Next puck drops in Bobcaygeon on Dec. 29 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by Monica Keefer

Peewee As beat Gravenhurst

The Minden Pharmasave Peewee As defeated Gravenhurst 4-1 on Saturday,

Dec. 18.

The Minden Pharmasave Peewee As played a great team game on Saturday versus Gravenhurst with lots of accurate passing and great goaltending.

Austin McKay had another superb game in net with a great save on a penalty shot.

Goals were scored by Jaydon Wood, Chase Burden, Ethan Keefer, and Kyle Lavergne with one each. Assists went out to Chase Burden, Brenden McKee, Jaydon Wood, Ryan Hill, Matthew Wilbee, Ryan Edwards and Ethan Keefer.

Congratulations to Ryan Hill, Mathew Wilbee, Jaydon Wood and Austin McKay who were selected to represent the Minden Pharmasave Peewee A team at the MPS all-star game in Port Carling on Sunday, Dec. 19.

Submitted by Gord Wood

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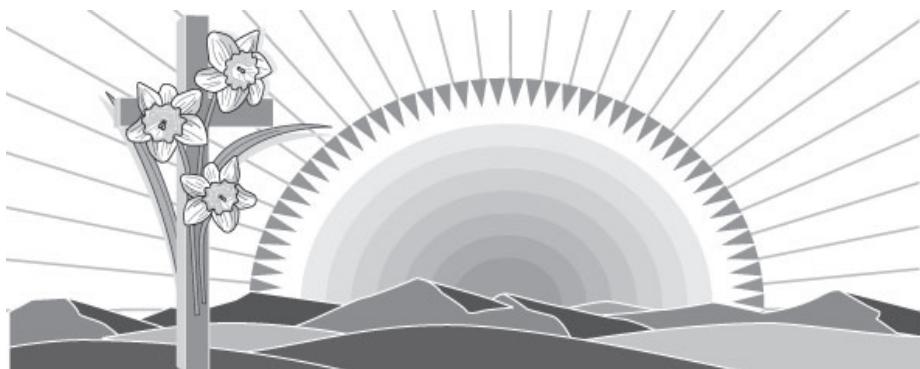
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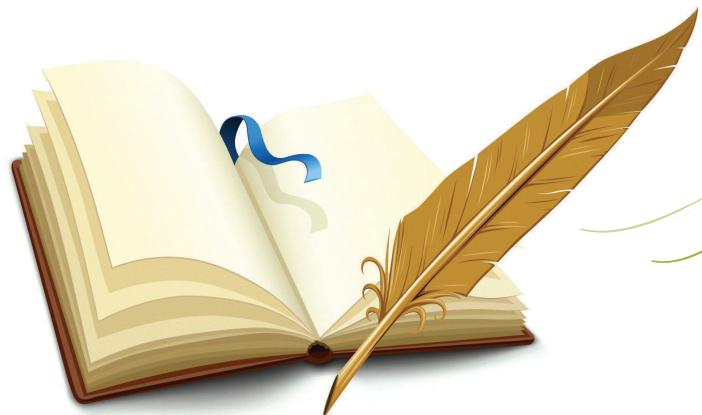
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